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WOLF ROCK:
A PLACE OF POWER.
AT NIGHT, WITH THE FULL MOON SHINING AND THE SURF ROARING LIKE A PRIMAL HOWL AGAINST ITS FLANKS, IT TRULY LOOKS LIKE THE WOLF OF ITS NAME. GAZE LOCKED ETERNALLY ON THE HEAVENS, THE TRAPPED BEAST SEEMS TO DREAM OF THE DAY IT CAN AGAIN BREAK FREE TO WREAK HAVOC ACROSS THE WORLD.
GEE, YOU KNOW... IT REALLY *IS* KIND OF CREEPY LOOKING.
WELL...
ANYWAY, THAT'S WHAT THE LEGEND SAYS.
HEY!! WHAT'S *THAT?!*

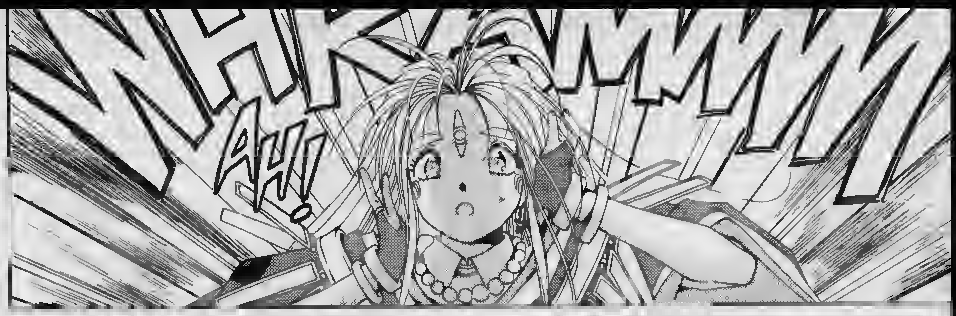
Ye Who
Slumber
Deep in Stone
Beneath
the Fullness
of the
Moon!
I am the Who
Wield the One,
Terror
Me,
Me!
Me
My Side!
URD CALLS FORTH THE BEAST

I NOW HAVE IT IN MY GRASP-- THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION PROGRAM!
FLEE IN PANIC, FOOLISH WRETCHES!
YOUR DYING SCREAMS ARE MUSIC TO MY EARS!
WHRMMBBB
WHA-?! WHAT IS IT?!
AIEE!!
WHROOM

AIEE!!

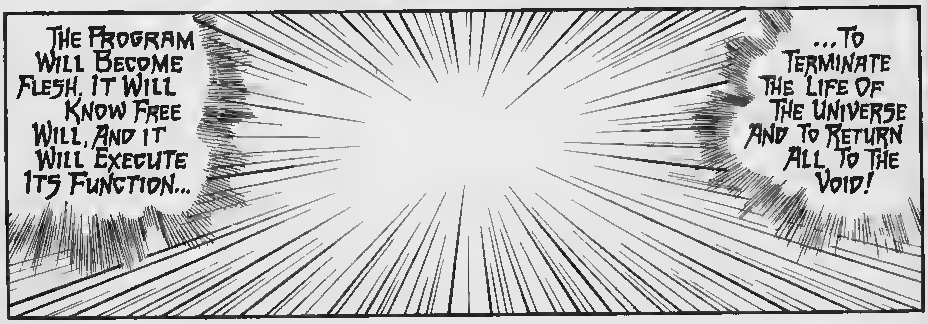
RMBB RMBBMB
AA!!
COME TO ME!
MY FENRIR!
SHKKKK
HELP!
A... A GIANT WOLF?!

AND AS FOR BELL-DANDY AND SKULD...
RMBB
OH, NO!! URD'S ALREADY SET HIM FREE, BELL-DANDY!!
HOW COULD SHE DO IT SO QUICKLY?!
BELL-DANDY!
YOU TWO HAVE BROKEN THE SEAL WITHOUT MY PERMISSION, HAVEN'T YOU?
ALMIGHTY ONE, HEAR ME! IT WAS MY DECISION, MINE ALONE!
WHAT IS DONE IS DONE!
NOW THAT THE SEAL IS BROKEN, YOU MUST SENSE THE EVIL POWER...


AH!

I FEEL IT... WAVES OF VILE ENERGY BEATING FROM THE CORE OF THE EARTH... AN ALL-ABSORBING DARKNESS DRAWING EVER CLOSER... IT HAS TO BE--

YES! THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION PROGRAM IS RUNNING!
BELL-DANDY!
HAHH
THIS IS NO LONGER A QUESTION OF PUNISHING URD.


THE PROGRAM WILL BECOME FLESH, IT WILL KNOW FREE WILL, AND IT WILL EXECUTE ITS FUNCTION...
...TO TERMINATE THE LIFE OF THE UNIVERSE AND TO RETURN ALL TO THE VOID!

I MUST CONSERVE MY STRENGTH TO PROTECT YGGDRASIL ITSELF!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, BELL-DANDY--
--ONLY YOU WHO HAVE BROKEN YOUR SEAL ARE LEFT TO PROTECT EARTH BELOW.
HERE-- I BESTOW ON YOU A VACCINE TO DELETE THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION PROGRAM.
THERE IS ONLY ONE DOSE...
...SO USE IT WISELY!
CHING
AND READ THE MANUAL FIRST!
GEE, Y'THINK THIS SILLY THING REALLY WORKS? LEMME TRY IT...
I SAID NOT TO DO THAT!

EVEN WITH MY SENSITIVITY DIALED DOWN I CAN FEEL IT...
THE APPROACH OF AN ENORMOUS, EVIL ENERGY...
SNIFF
BUT I WILL PROTECT YOU ALL-- URD, KEIICHI...
...THIS GREEN EARTH, THE SKY...
...AND THE SEA...
SPLSSHH
BLBB
BLRRBBBB

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SPEED... *NINETY KNOTS!?*

THAT'S INSANE! THERE'S NO SUBMARINE ON EARTH CAN GO THAT FAST!

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ENGINE ROOM, ALL AHEAD FLANK! DOWN TRIM FIFTEEN DEGREES! MAKE COURSE ONE-SEVEN-SEVEN!

FLOOD AFT TORPEDO TU--

AAH!!

KAWG

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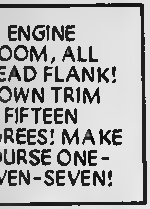
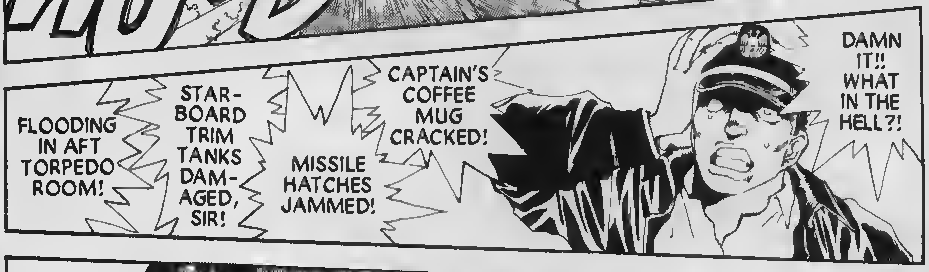
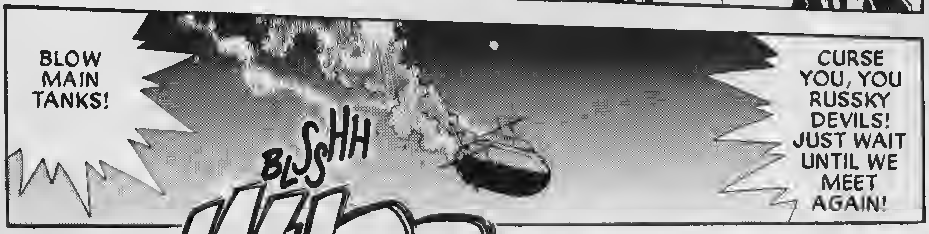
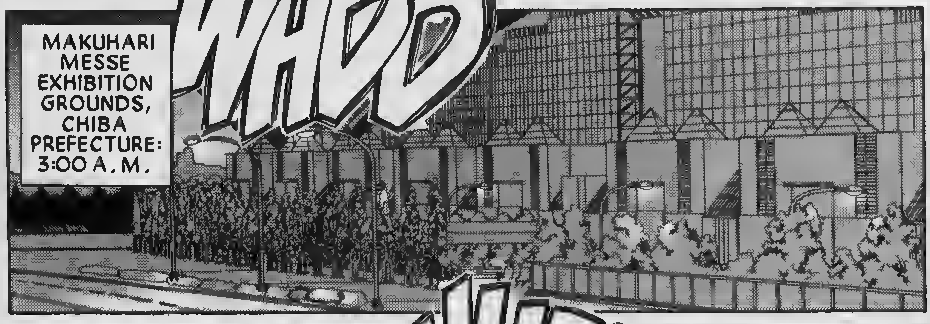
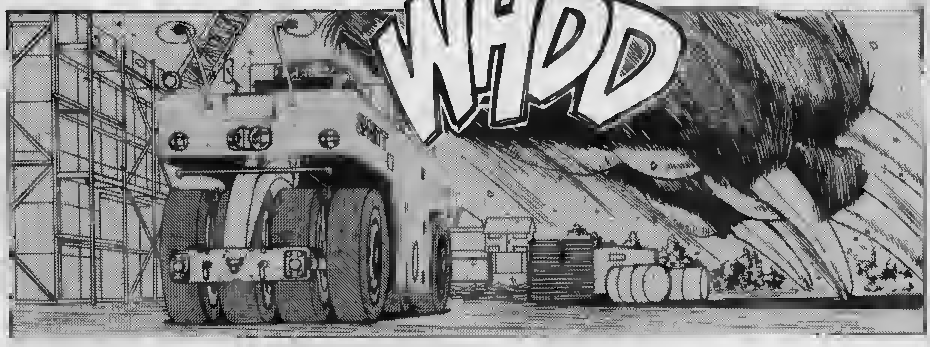

ENGINE OOM, ALL EAD FLANK! OWN TRIM FIFTEEN REES! MAKE URSE ONE-VEN-SEVEN!

WHDD
COLLISION WITH ENEMY VESSEL, PORT SIDE!


FLOODING IN AFT TORPEDO ROOM!
STAR-BOARD TRIM TANKS DAM-AGED, SIR!
MISSILE HATCHES JAMMED!
CAPTAIN'S COFFEE MUG CRACKED!
DAMN IT!! WHAT IN THE HELL?!


BLOW MAIN TANKS!
BLSSHH
CURSE YOU, YOU RUSSKY DEVILS! JUST WAIT UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!


MAKUHARI MESSE EXHIBITION GROUNDS, CHIBA PREFECTURE: 3:00 A.M.
WHDD

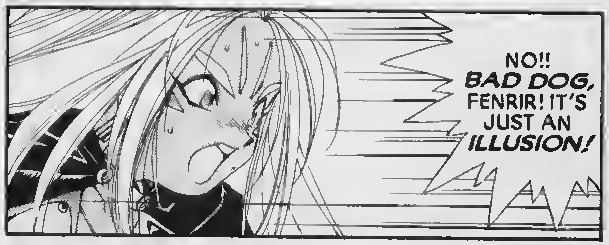

WHDD

AROOO!!
SKRAK

HO HO HO! THE FULL MOON COMES OUT TO GREET US!
AROOO!
GO FORTH, FENRIR! FEED ON THE SCREAMS OF DYING MORTALS!

HERE, BOY! GO FETCH!
EH?
WURF?

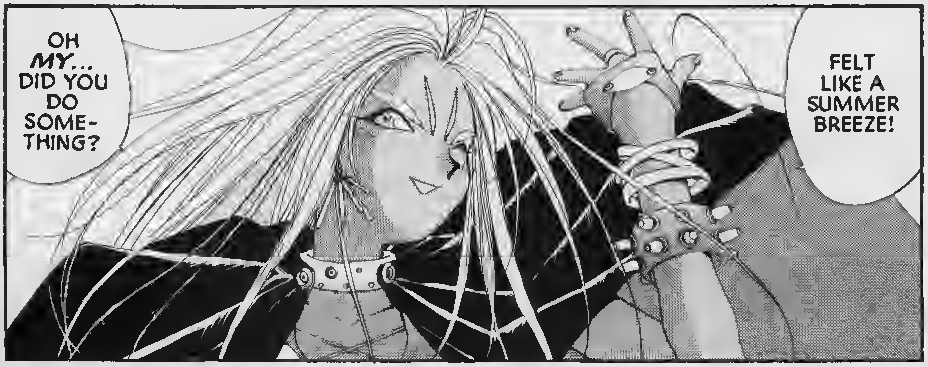
WHUMP
ROWF!


NO!! BAD DOG, FENRIR! IT'S JUST AN ILLUSION!

FZZAK
COME BACK! IT'S A CONTAIN-MENT FIELD!
KHK E?!
FZZAKK
YOU KNEW I WOULD COME HERE?!
BELL-DANDY!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
AND NOW... URD! RETURN TO YOUR OLD SELF!
AT TH MOMEN WHEN YOU FIRS CHANGE I COULI STILL FE YOUR SPI ENERGY

THAT'S RIGHT!
I'VE FELT YOUR EVERY MOVE!
THEN HOW DID YOU KNOW THE PROGRAM MADE FLESH WOULD BE THE FENRIR WOLF?!
IT WAS IN THE "BIG PICTURE BOOK OF SUPER-NATURAL BEASTS" MOM GAVE US WHEN WE WERE KIDS.
AND THIS IS MY HANDY OPTICAL ILLUSION PROJECTOR "MR OPTIC"!
YIP!
WE'VE SUPPRESSED THE MAIN PROGRAM!
AND NOW... URD! RETURN TO YOUR OLD SELF!
REJECT THE DARK ENERGY OF THE LORD OF TERROR!
AT THE MOMENT WHEN YOU FIRST CHANGED, I COULD STILL FEEL YOUR SPIRIT ENERGY!
YOUR SOUL WAS CAST OUT BY THE ENERGY OF THE LORD OF TERROR!

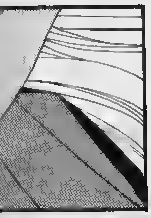
FUNRRAAKKK
BUT YOUR OWN TRUE SPIRIT SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE POS-SESSOR!
URD! DRIVE OUT THE ONE WHO HAS STOLEN YOUR SOUL!
KKRR
WHOOM


OH MY... DID YOU DO SOME-THING?
FELT LIKE A SUMMER BREEZE!

IT'S HOPE-LESS... THE LORD OF TERROR HAS TOO MUCH ENERGY!
AT THIS RATE, THERE CAN'T BE ANOTHER INVERSION!
HEY, SERVANT!
HERE, MA'AM!
YES?
POUR ALL OF YOUR ENERGY INTO FENRIR!
HUH?
WE NEED TO BOOST HIS POWER SO HE CAN BREAK THE CONTAIN-MENT FIELD!
KRUU!
B-BUT IF I DO THAT...
...I'LL DIE!! THE REAL DEATH!

LOOK... YOU'RE CANNON FODDER IN THE CAUSE OF UNIVERSAL DESTRUCTION.
WHAT MORE COULD A SERVANT ASK? RIGHT?
DON'T GIMME THAT "RIGHT?" BUSINESS, SISTER!
OH, MAN... SHE'S SERIOUS!
PLEASE?
IF SHE KEEPS UP THIS MENTAL PRESSURE...
SORRY! I'M OUTTA HERE!
HUH?!
SERVANTS NOWA-DAYS... HMPH! NO GUTS!
TAK
WHRAM
MA RA!!
AIEE!

HUH?!



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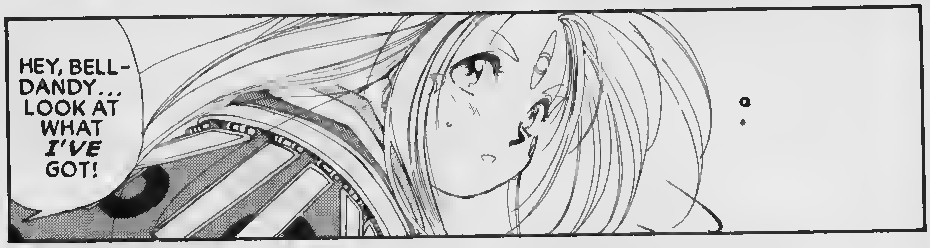
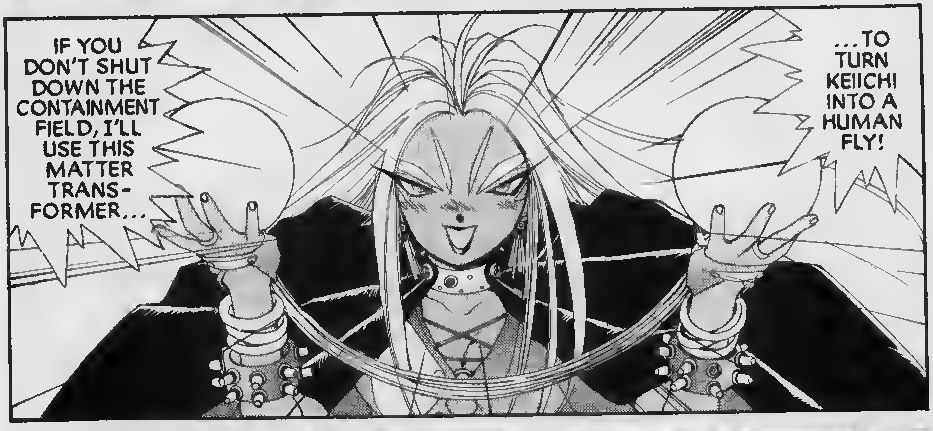
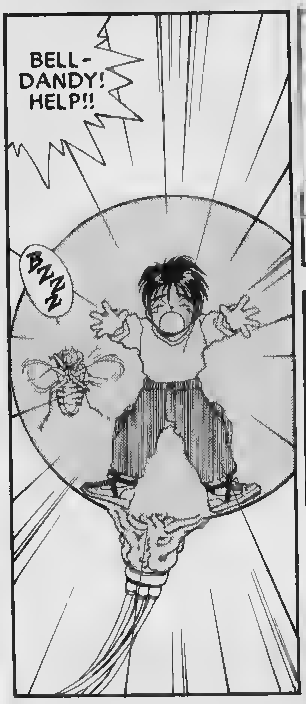
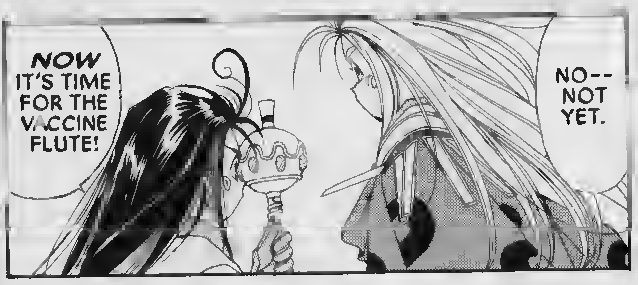

HEY, BELL-DANDY... LOOK AT WHAT *I'VE* GOT!


IF YOU DON'T SHUT DOWN THE CONTAINMENT FIELD, I'LL USE THIS MATTER TRANS-FORMER...
...TO TURN KEIICHI INTO A HUMAN FLY!


BELL-DANDY! HELP!!
BAWK


NOW IT'S TIME FOR THE VACCINE FLUTE!
NO-- NOT YET.

ALL RIGHT, URD... I'LL SHUT DOWN THE FIELD.
WHAT?! BELL DANDY!

THERE'LL BE TIME TO USE THE FLUTE AFTER WE SAVE KEIICHI.
OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE "KEIICHI THE HUMAN FLY"...?
YUCK!! NO WAY!
Web of Light, Containing the Darkness at My Command...
My Voice is the Key to Your Parting!
Unlock the Lock...
...And Free the Bonds!
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WHAM
A SQUEAL!

!!
AY!
And
Free
the
Gods!
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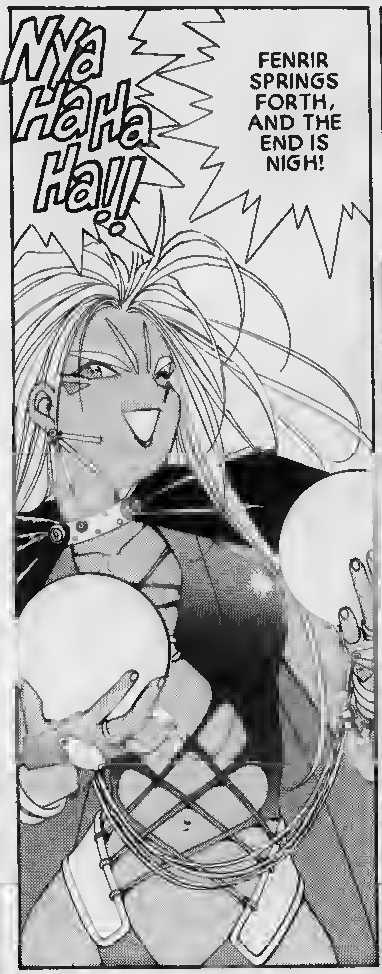
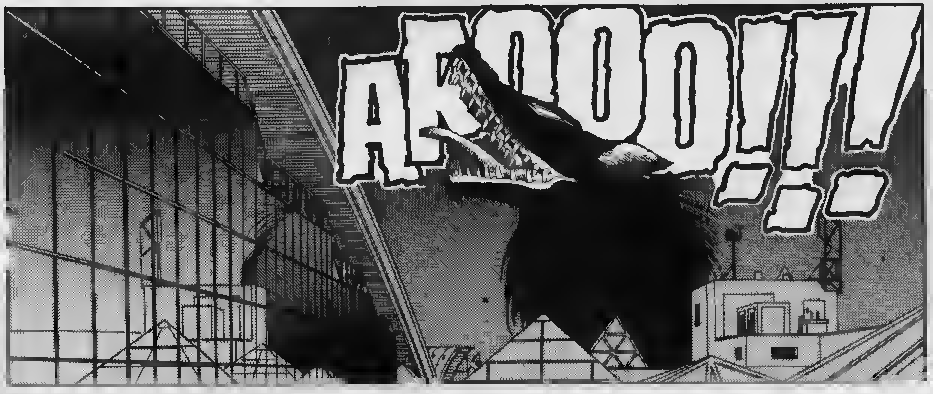
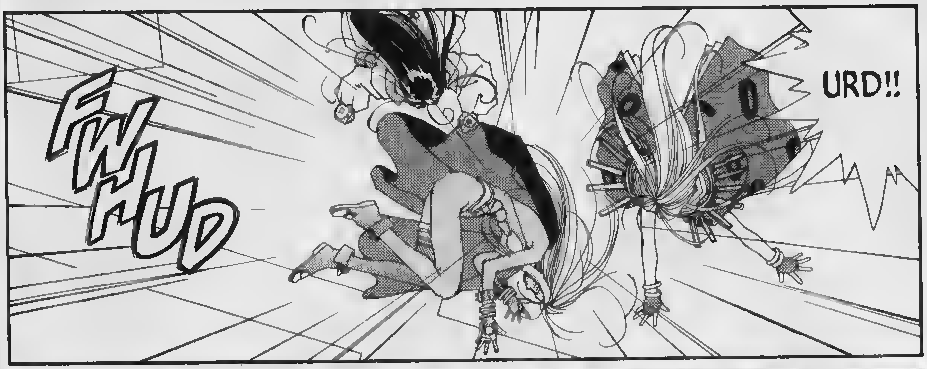

Nya
Haha
Ha!!
FENRIR SPRINGS FORTH, AND THE END IS NIGH!

FENRIR! TAKE MY EXCESS POWER FOR YOUR OWN!
DESTROY THEM ALL WITH ONE BREATH!

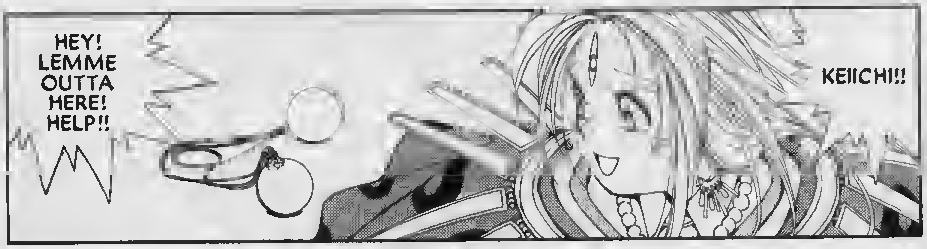
NGGRR!


AROOO!!!

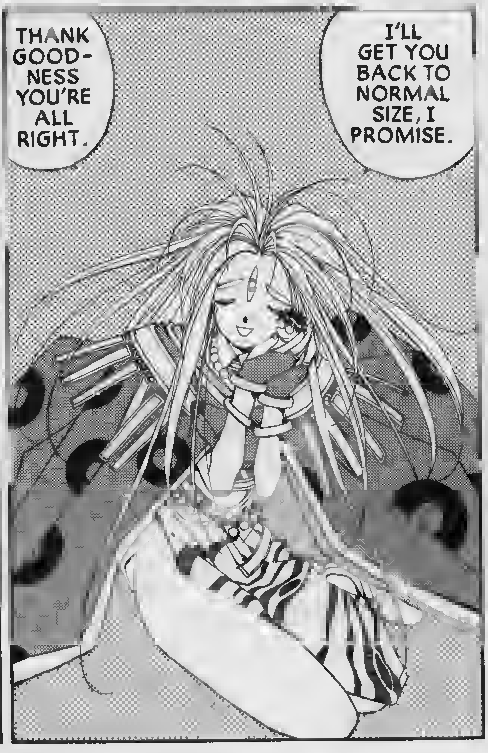
WHSSSHH
W-WAIT!! MY POWER IS BEING SUCKED AWAY-- ALL OF IT!
AND I CAN'T STOP THE TRANS-FER!
HEY! LEMME OUTTA HERE! HELP!!
IT CAN'T BE! THIS CAN'T--
OH, NO!! THOSE WINGS! DON'T TELL ME--
AAAAAAAAAA
HEH!



AND I CAN'T STOP THE TRANS-FER!

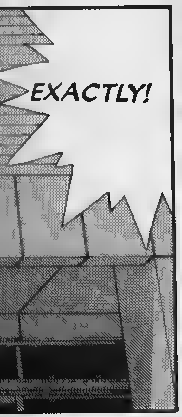


IT CAN'T BE! THIS CAN'T--

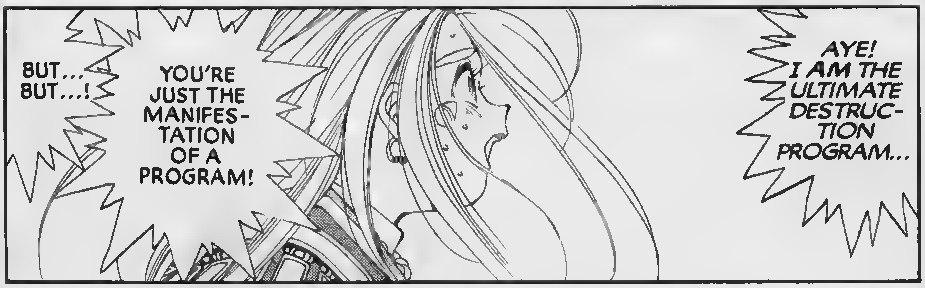


SHUCKS... IF I WAS BIGGER I COULD HAVE STOLEN A KISS...
BELL-DANDY! URD'S...
...URD'S BACK TO NORMAL!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT...
...THE ENERGY FROM THE LORD OF TERROR-- IT'S ALL GONE!
THAT'S WONDERFUL! SO...
...URD WASN'T THE REAL LORD OF TERROR, AFTER ALL!
EXACTLY!
BUT... BUT...!

...THE ENERGY FROM THE LORD OF TERROR-- IT'S ALL GONE!

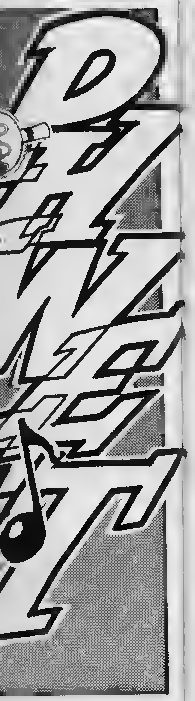

EXACTLY!

I HAVE LONG AWAITED THIS DAY...
...FOR I HAVE AWAK-ENED AT LAST!
VERILY, I AM HE WHO WILL LEAD THE WORLD TO DESTRUCTION! THE LORD OF TERROR!


BUT... BUT...!
YOU'RE JUST THE MANIFES-TATION OF A PROGRAM!
AYE! I AM THE ULTIMATE DESTRUC-TION PROGRAM...

...AND I AM THAT KNOWN TO SOME AS THE LORD OF TERROR.
SKULD! THE FLUTE! NOW IS THE TIME!
O... OKAY!
I SHALL EXECUTE THE DESTRUC-TION OF SPACE AND TIME!

O... OKAY!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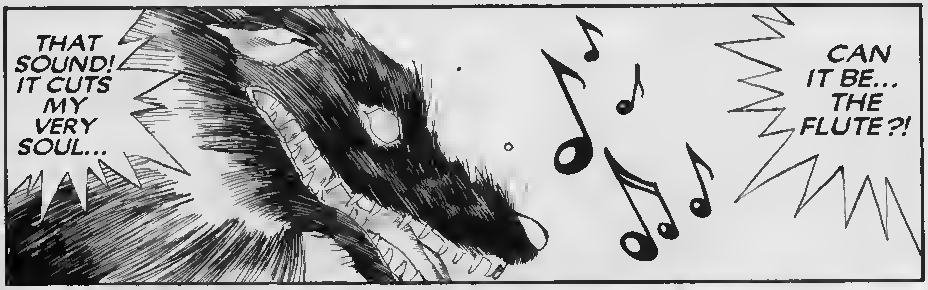
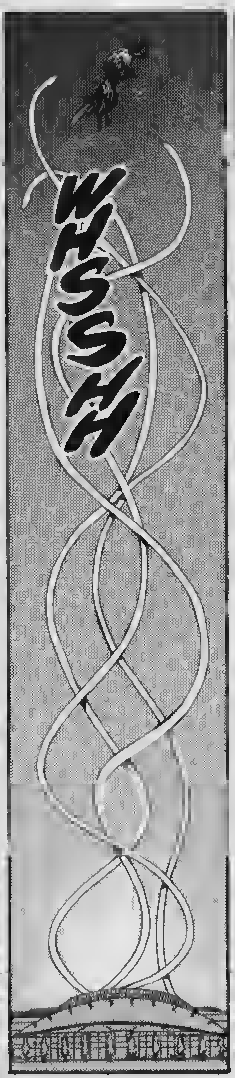

THAT SOUND! IT CUTS MY VERY SOUL...
CAN IT BE... THE FLUTE?!

THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S THE VACCINE AGAINST THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION PROGRAM!
ALSO KNOWN AS... MIDGARD!!
WHSSSHH


WHSSSH

AROOOO!

AAROUUU!!!
WE... WE DID IT!!
URD, MY SISTER... THE NIGHT-MARE IS OVER...
NAY!
THE NIGHT-MARE... HAS JUST BEGUN!
TO BE CONTINUED!

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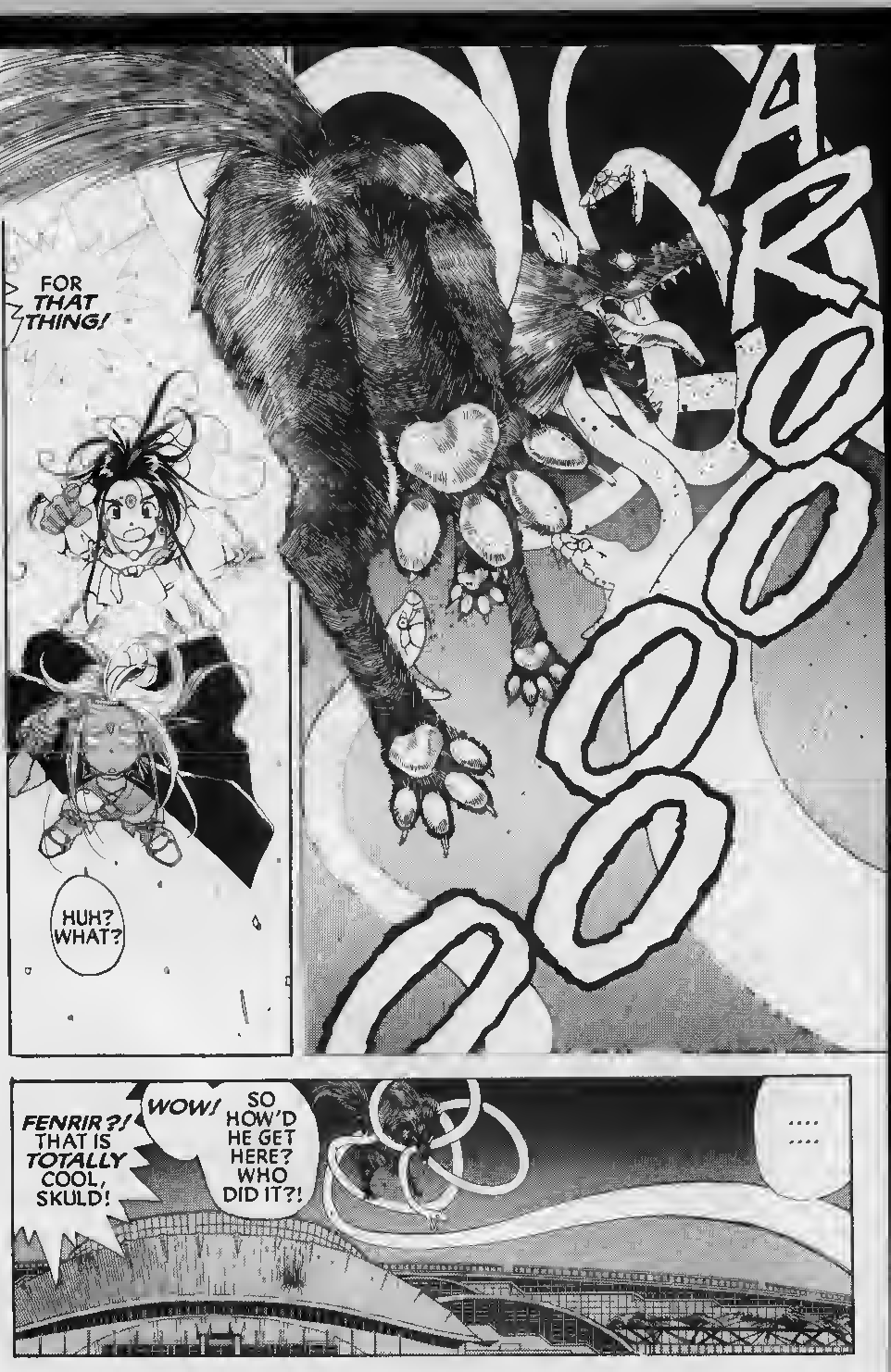
NYA HA HA HA!
ALL THE NETWORKS... PBS...LOCAL UHF...C-BAND SATELLITE...DSS... PRIMESTAR... CABLE...
...EVERY TV SHOW IN THE WORLD!! MINE, ALL MINE!!
PARADISE! THIS IS PARADISE!
Ya Ha Ha!

?!
FZZT
FZZZT
PARADISE, YOU SAY?
HAVE YOU FORGOT-TEN?!
YOU WHO SOLD HER SOUL TO THE DEVIL...
...FOR YOU THERE CAN BE NO PARADISE!
FOR YOU THERE IS NOTHING! NOTHING!
NO HAPPI-NESS... NO SORROW.... NO JOY...
...NOT EVEN YOUR GOD-DESS SELF!
STOP!!

NO! STOP!!
STOP...?
EH?
WHEWW... JUST A DREAM.
OH, MAN... MORE LIKE A NIGHT-MARE.
OKAY... THIS TIME I'LL GET SOME NICE, RESTFUL SLEEP...
FWMP
OH, NO YOU DON'T! YOU'RE NOT SLEEPING THROUGH THIS ONE!
YOU GET UP AND TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY, URD!
I'M SO GLAD YOU RE WELL AGAIN
HUH? RESPONSIBI-LITY...? FOR WHAT?!


AROOOOO
FOR THAT THING!
HUH? WHAT?
FENRIR?! THAT IS TOTALLY COOL, SKULD!
WOW!
SO HOW'D HE GET HERE? WHO DID IT?!
....
....

THAT GIANT WOLF!
THOSE SMASHED BUILD-INGS!
THE MISSING WHITE-WATER FILES!
THE ARTIST'S BROKEN BETA VIDEO PLAYER!
THE (_____) IS ALL *YOUR* FAULT, URD!
BUT I'M STILL *SO* GLAD YOU'RE BACK.
MY SISTER...
BELL...
...BELL-DANDY?
BELL-DANDY! YOUR *FORE-HEAD!*
THE *SEAL!*
HM?
NO, NO!! THE ALMIGHTY HIMSELF SAID IT WAS OKAY.
YOU'LL *PAY* FOR THIS, YOU BIG, BAD WOLF!
IT'S AS GOOD AS TERMINA-TION TO BREAK THE SEAL WITHOUT PERMIS-SION.
IT'S A *TERRIBLE* VIOLA-TION OF THE RULES.
AND YOU DID IT... FOR *ME!*

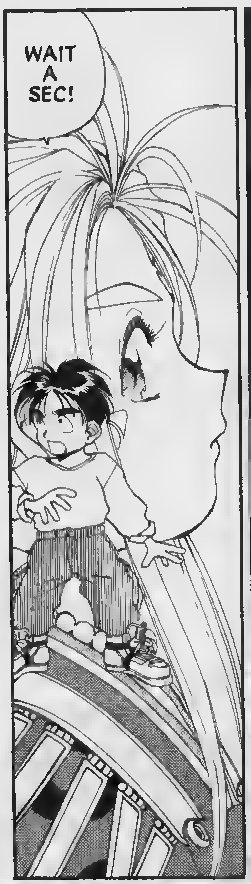
..BELL-
ANDY?

'S A
RIBLE
OLA-
ON OF
THE
ILES.

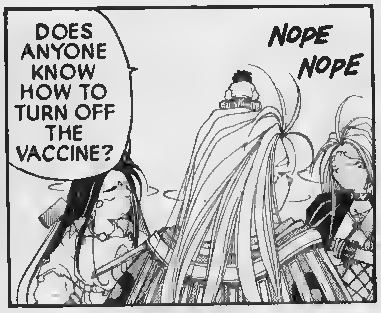
AND YOU DID IT... FOR ME!
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT MY LICENSE ANY-MORE!
YOU BETTER HAVE A SPARE LIFE HANDY, YOU MANGY FLEA CONDO!
HUH...?
!!
ARGH!

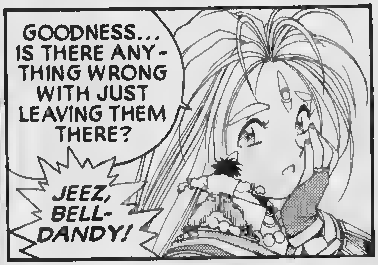
CURSE YOU-- I'VE BEEN TRICKED! I HAD NO IDEA THE VACCINE WAS SO POWERFUL!
BUT IT SHALL NOT END THIS WAY!
NO! NOT LIKE THIS!
AZJOO
UM...
URD...?
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS FINGER NOW ?
UH... BEHOLD! WITNESS THE POWER OF URD!
SHEESH, WHAT AN ANTI-CLIMAX, HUH?

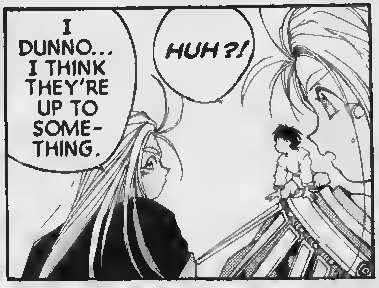
CURSE YOU-- 'VE BEEN TRICKED! HAD NO DEA THE VACCINE WAS SO OWERFUL!
NO! NOT LIKE THIS!


WAIT A SEC!

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT THAT?
THAT BIG BALL OF SNAKES IN THE SKY?


DOES ANYONE KNOW HOW TO TURN OFF THE VACCINE?
NOPE
NOPE


GOODNESS... IS THERE ANY-THING WRONG WITH JUST LEAVING THEM THERE?
JEEZ, BELL-DANDY!


I DUNNO... I THINK THEY'RE UP TO SOME-THING.
HUH?!

I WONDER IF THEY'LL EVENTU-ALLY TURN OFF AUTO-MATICALLY?
VZLK
FIZZAK
I DON'T KNOW, KEIICHI.
AW, IT'S COOL... THEY'LL JUST WINK OUT-- TRUST ME!
YOU NEVER TAKE ANYTHING SERIOUSLY, URD!

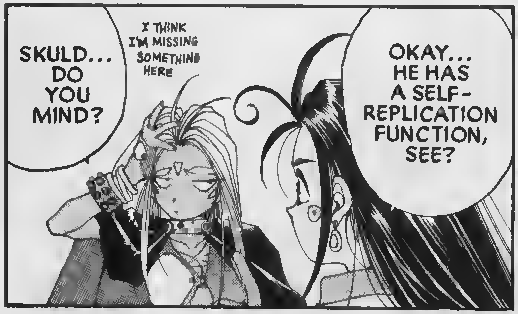
YOU KNOW... IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GETTING BIGGER...
YEAH... AND CLOSER, TOO. REAL CLOSE!
RUN AWAY!!
FWOOSH
WHRAM

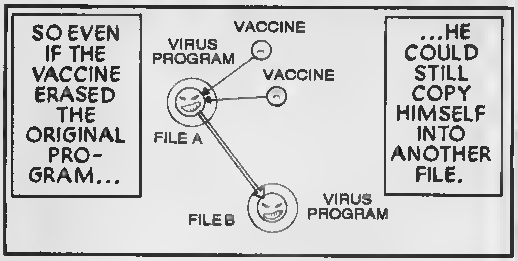
YEAH... AND CLOSER, TOO. REAL CLOSE!

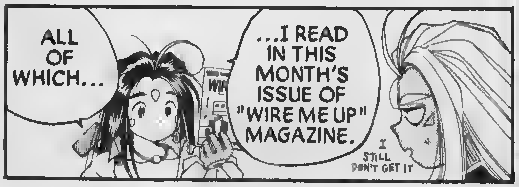
EEK!!
KEIICHI! YOU STAY IN HERE!
OH, BOY!
FWDD
KRAK
KRAK
FZA

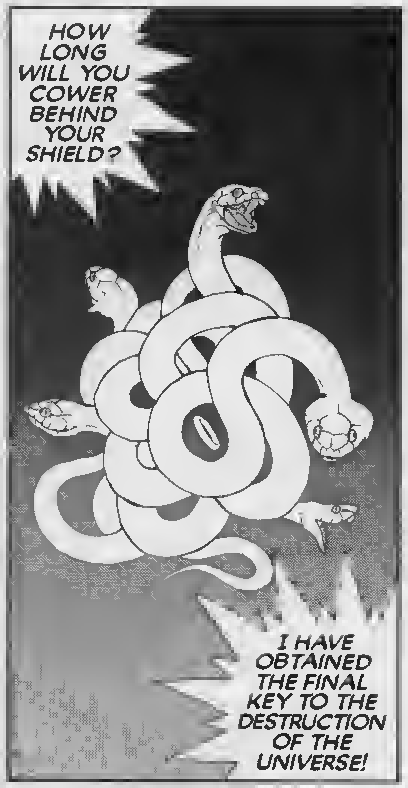
WHAK
HSSSSS!!!
FLAK
NOW THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN GET TO US.
BUT WHY ON EARTH DID THE MIDGARD SERPENT TURN AGAINST ITS USER?

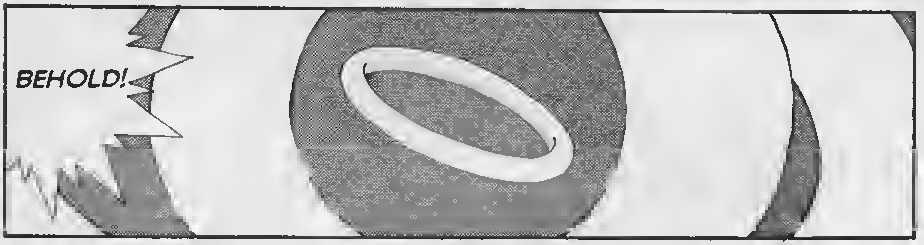
OH, NO!!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN INFECTED BY THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION PROGRAM!
HEH, HEH, HEH! SUCH A CLEVER CHILD.
THAT VOICE--!
NO ONE'S DARED CALL ME A VIRUS BEFORE!
ALTHOUGH YOU'RE NOT THAT FAR OFF, ACTUALLY...
...FOR INDEED, I AM THE LORD OF TERROR! THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION PROGRAM!

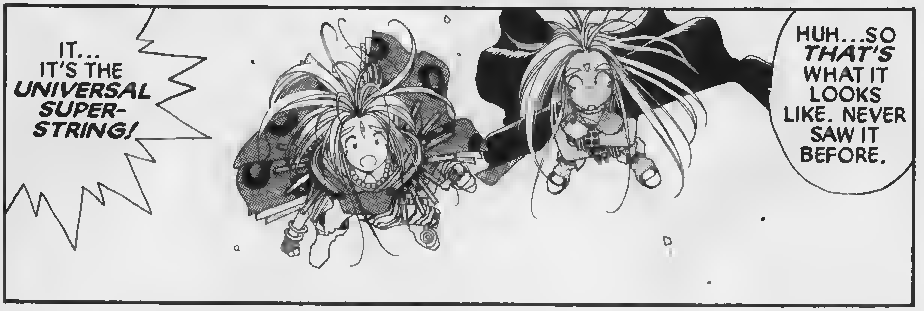

SKULD... DO YOU MIND?
I THINK I'M MISSING SOMETHING HERE
OKAY... HE HAS A SELF-REPLICATION FUNCTION, SEE?


SO EVEN IF THE VACCINE ERASED THE ORIGINAL PROGRAM...
VACCINE
VIRUS PROGRAM
VACCINE
FILE A
FILE B
VIRUS PROGRAM
...HE COULD STILL COPY HIMSELF INTO ANOTHER FILE.

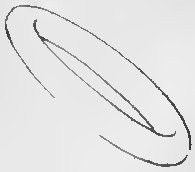

ALL OF WHICH...
...I READ IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE OF "WIRE ME UP" MAGAZINE.
I STILL DON'T GET IT


HOW LONG WILL YOU COWER BEHIND YOUR SHIELD?
I HAVE OBTAINED THE FINAL KEY TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE UNIVERSE!


BEHOLD!


IT... IT'S THE UNIVERSAL SUPER-STRING!
HUH...SO THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE. NEVER SAW IT BEFORE.

SUPERSTRING THEORY:
A new approach to quantum theory first put forward by the American scientist John Schwarz
If you think of the observable universe as an expression of a ten-dimensional matrix, all physical aspects of the world can be explicated as vibrations of a 10^{33}cm "string." This string is the ultimate expression of all physical phenomena



IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE, CHECK OUT DAVID PEAT'S BOOK "SUPERSTRINGS"!

AND NOW, THE BIG QUES-TION...

...WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH THIS STRING? ANY IDEAS?

I KNOW! TIE A KNOT!

GONGG! WHAT GOOD WOULD A KNOT DO ME?!

YOU COULD USE IT TO HANG YOUR-SELF.

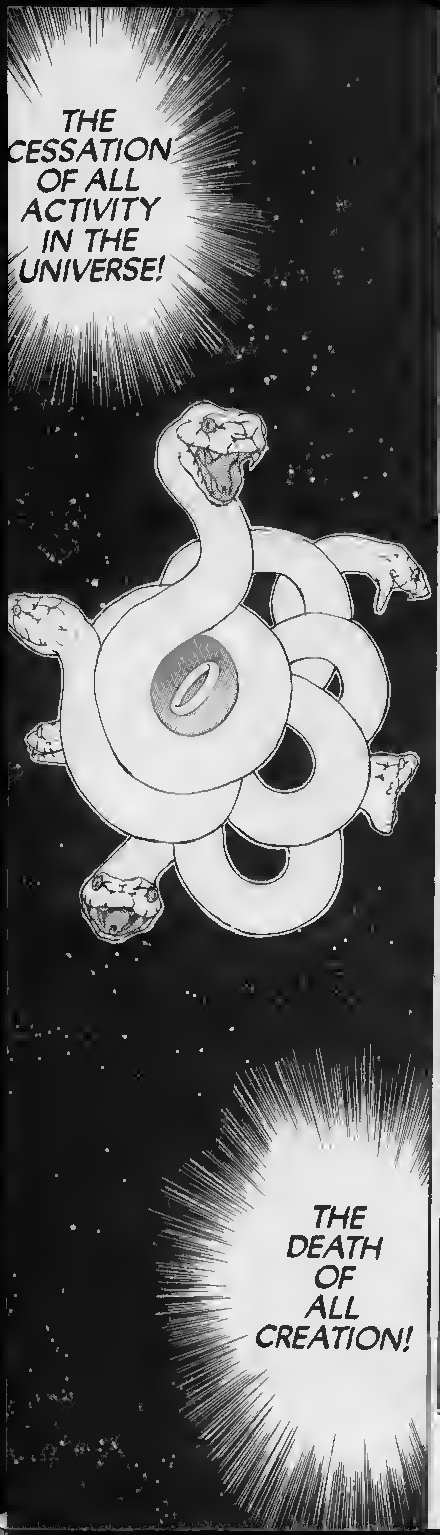
GONGG! COME ON--YOU AREN'T EVEN TRYING!

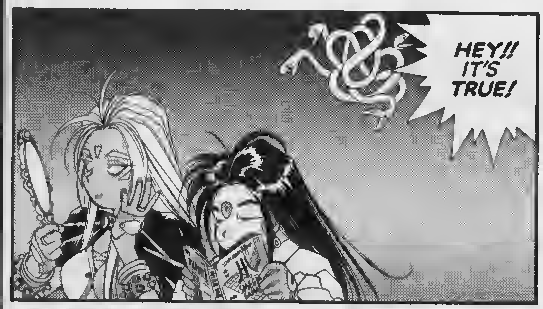
EXCUSE ME, BUT... YOU AREN'T, BY ANY CHANCE, GOING TO... CUT IT?

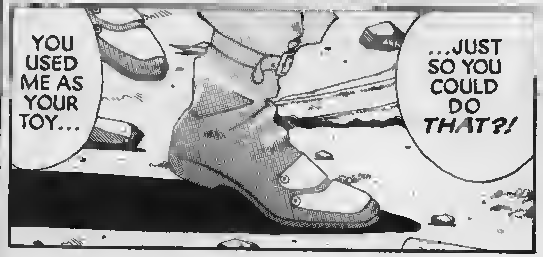
HOORAY! WE HAVE A WINNER!

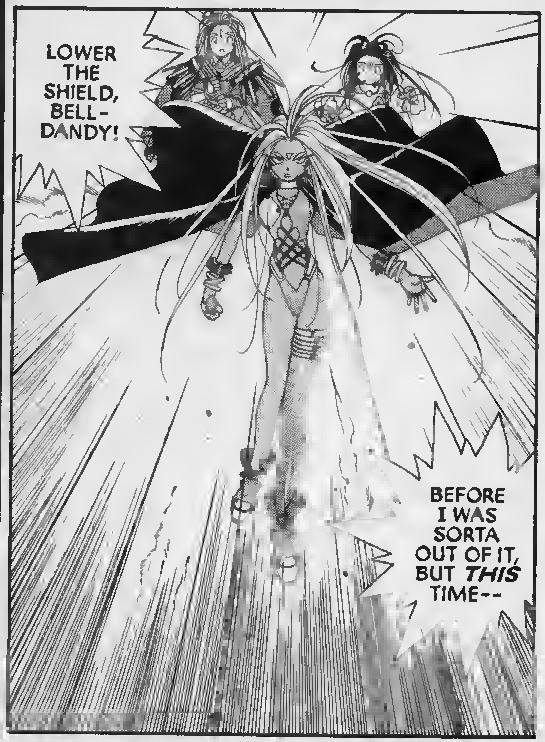
BUT IF YOU DO THAT... THE UNIVERSE--!!

YESSSS! IT WILL... DISAPPEAR!


THE CESSATION OF ALL ACTIVITY IN THE UNIVERSE!
THE DEATH OF ALL CREATION!


HEY!! IT'S TRUE!


YOU USED ME AS YOUR TOY...
...JUST SO YOU COULD DO THAT?!

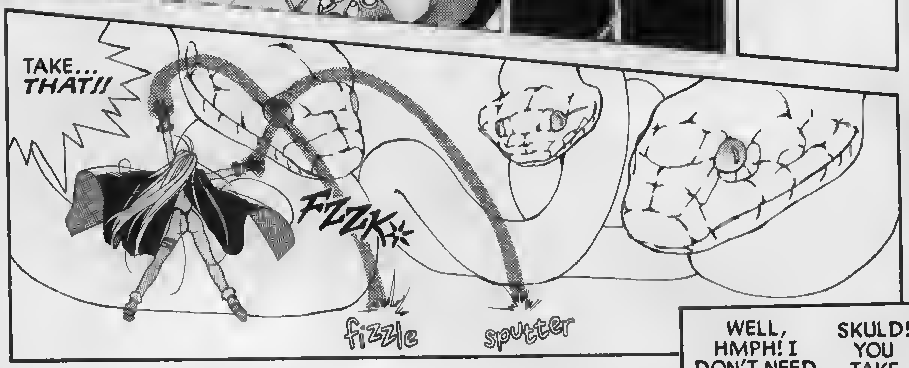

LOWER THE SHIELD, BELL-DANDY!
BEFORE I WAS SORTA OUT OF IT, BUT THIS TIME--

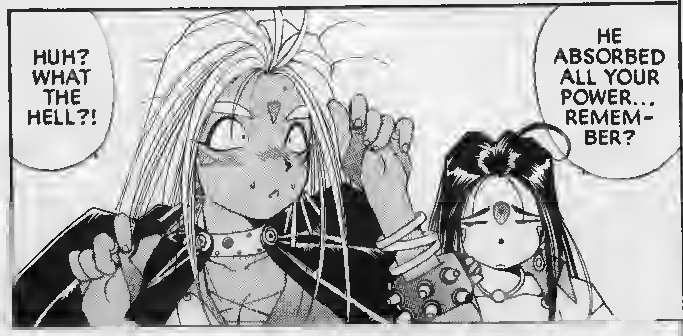
TAKE
THA

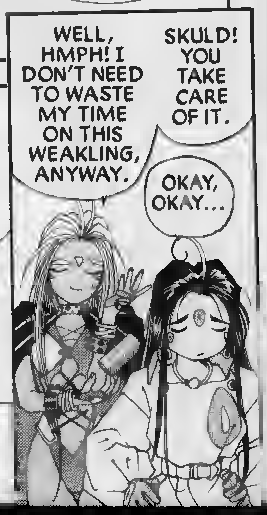
HUH
WHA
THE
HELL

HEY!! IT'S TRUE!
...JUST SO YOU COULD DO THAT?!
BEFORE I WAS SORTA OUT OF IT, BUT THIS TIME--

--I'M TAKING YOU OUT, BUSTER!
HEH, HEH...
OKAY...


TAKE... THAT!!
FZZZK
fizzle
sputter


HUH? WHAT THE HELL?!
HE ABSORBED ALL YOUR POWER... REMEMBER?


WELL, HMPH! I DON'T NEED TO WASTE MY TIME ON THIS WEAKLING, ANYWAY.
SKULD! YOU TAKE CARE OF IT.
OKAY, OKAY...

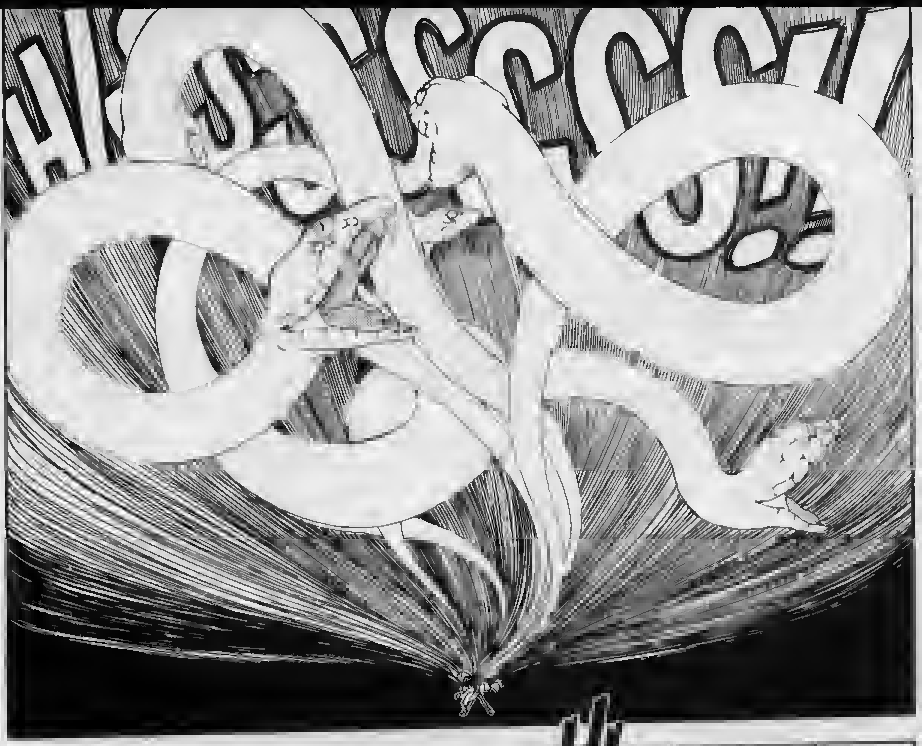
SHEESH...
...WHAT A PAIN!
HYAH!
GRENADE
BKOOM
WHRAM
AIEEE!
WHKKROOOM
WOW! THAT WAS TOTALLY COOL, SKULD! LEMME TRY ONE, PRETTY PLEASE!
HEY, YOU KNOW, BELL-DANDY...
...THIS IS KINDA STRANGE, DON'T YOU THINK?
IF IT WANTS TO CUT THE SUPER-STRING, THEN IT COULD JUST SNEAK OFF SOME-WHERE...
...AND CUT IT, RIGHT?

SO WHY IS IT WASTING TIME ATTACKING US, HUH?
OH?!
MAYBE THERE'S SOME REASON IT CAN'T DO IT AS LONG AS WE'RE AROUND...?
UH-OH
NYA HAHA! I HAVE NO MORE NEED OF YOU!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS CUT THE STRING AND DESTROY THE UNIVERSE!
THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME WAY TO DELETE THE PROGRAM!
I KNOW! IT MUST NEED SOMETHING ELSE TO CUT THE STRING!
EEK! ULP!
SKULD!
DID YOU ACTUALLY READ THE MANUAL FOR THE VACCINE?!
UM...

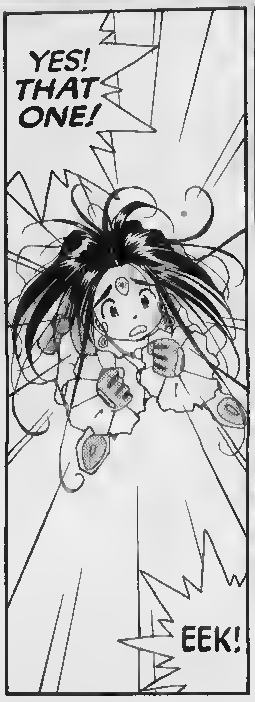
AW, C'MON, SIS!
YOU ONLY READ THE MANUAL WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN'T FIGURE OUT, SEE?
OH, REALLY?
NO! THAT'S THE MAJOR PROBLEM WITH THOSE COMPUTER WONKS!
YO HO HO!
OKAY... LET'S SEE...
IT'S SECTION THREE, RIGHT?
....
....
....
....
YUCK! I DON'T WANNA DO IT.
WELL, I SURE CAN'T BLOW THE DARN THING!
ALL RIGHT, THEN...
YEP! GOOD LUCK, SIS!

NHKAM
IT'S SECTION THREE, RIGHT?
HEH... FORGET THE FLUTE BUSINESS, BABE... WASTE A' TIME. C'MON-- LET'S GO, BOYS.
FORGIVE ME, MIDGARD... BUT IT WAS YOUR DESTINY TO VANISH FROM THIS WORLD. PLEASE, SAVE THEIR SPIRITS...

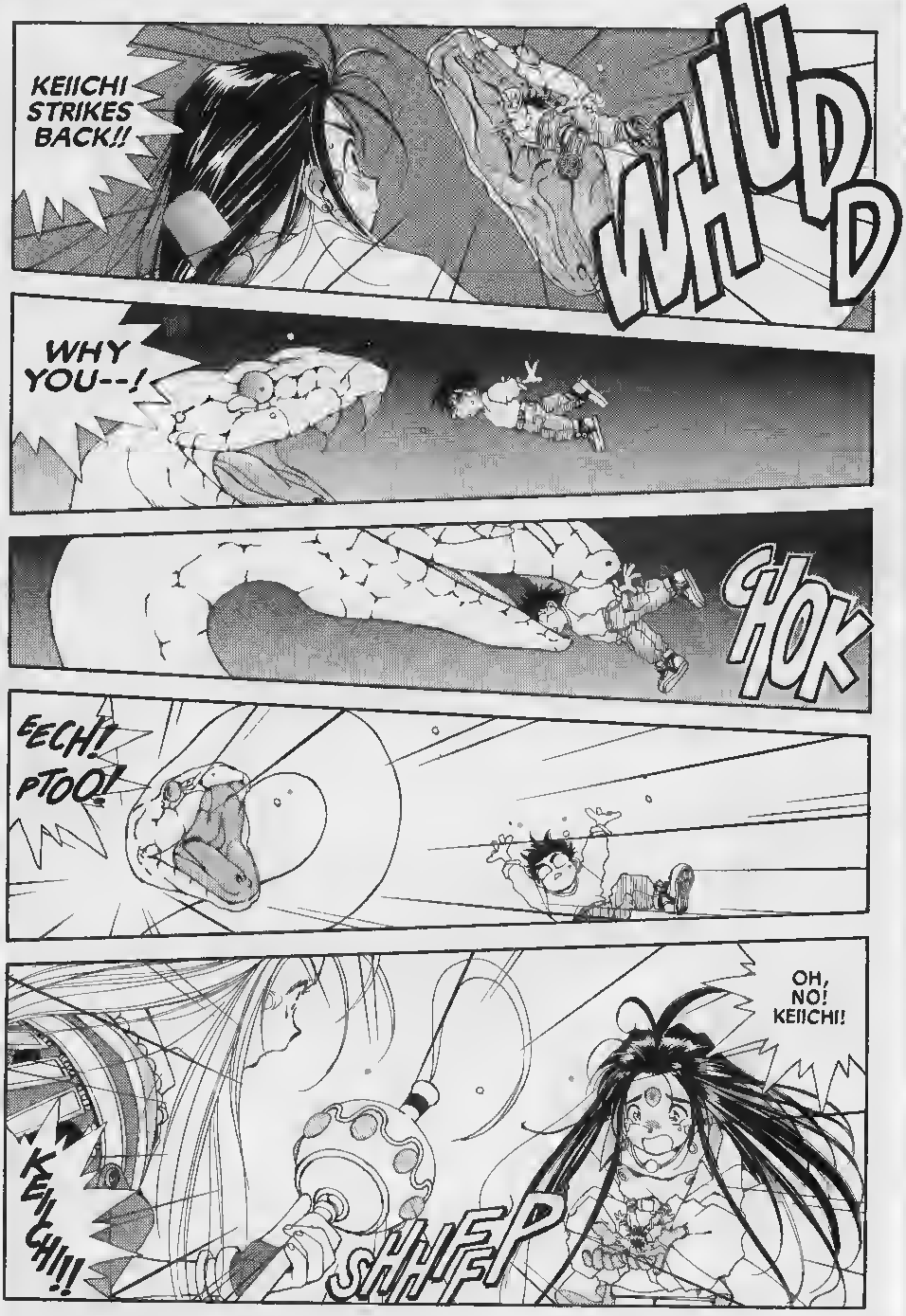
REEBLEBATSQUEE
AARGH!! SHE... SHE ACTUALLY PLAYED IT!
FZZAK
ZREEEE
!
HISS!!
I-I MUST... COPY MY- SELF... NOW



I-I MUST... COPY MY-SELF... NOW!

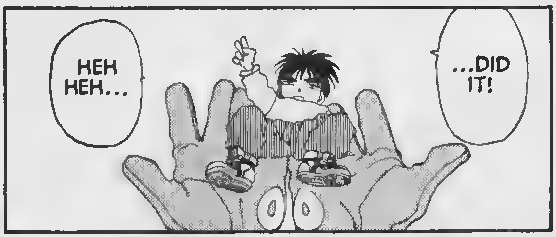

YES! THAT ONE!
EEK!

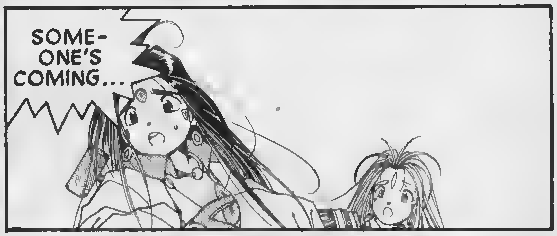
HISS!!


KEIICHI STRIKES BACK!!
WHUDD
WHY YOU--!
CHOK
EECH! PTOO!
OH, NO! KEIICHI!
KEIICHI!!
SHIFP

OH, NO! KEIICH!!

OH, THANK YOU!
THANK YOU, KEIICH!


HEH HEH...
...DID IT!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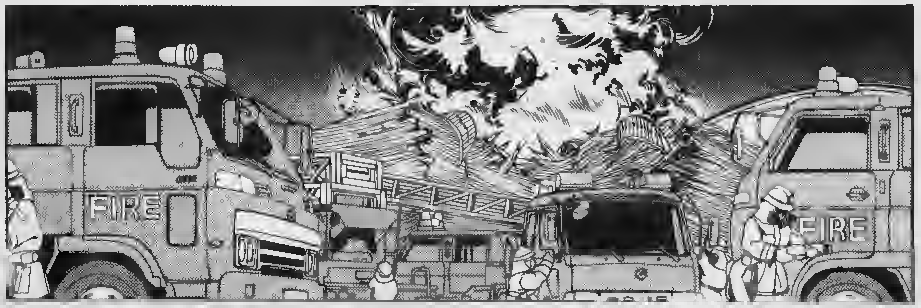
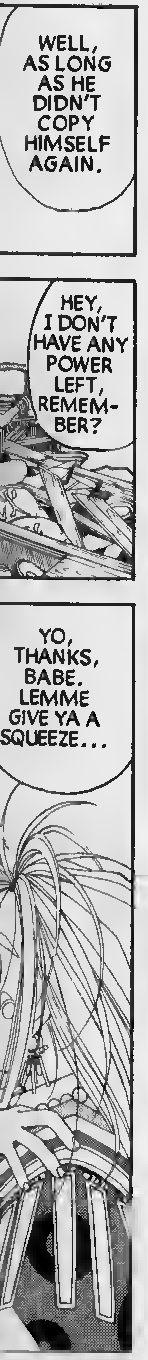

FIRE
FIRE

....
....
IS IT FINALLY OVER?
FOR GOOD...?

WELL, AS LONG AS HE DIDN'T COPY HIMSELF AGAIN.
HEY, HEY! TURN ME BACK TO NORMAL, BELL-DANDY!
SORRY! RIGHT AWAY!
URD, WHY DON'T YOU--
ARG... THEY'RE ALL BUSTED!
NO MORE TV... SNIFF...
HEY, I DON'T HAVE ANY POWER LEFT, REMEMBER?
YOU DO IT FOR ME, BELLDANDY. I'LL TEACH YOU THE PASSWORD.
IT'S THE SAME ONE I ALWAYS USE.
FSSHH
SSHH
YO, THANKS, BABE. LEMME GIVE YA A SQUEEZE...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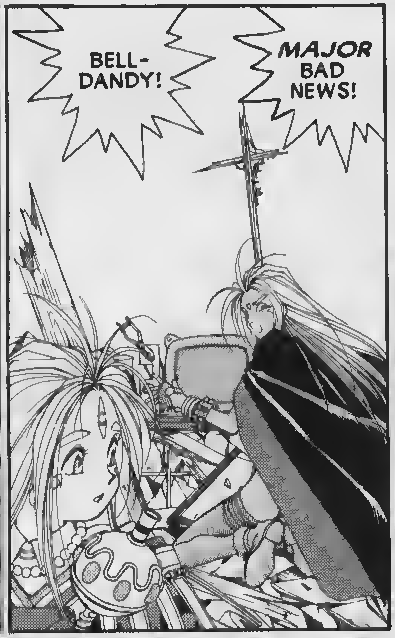
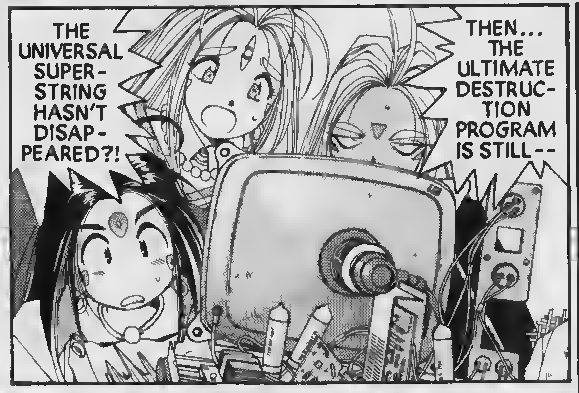
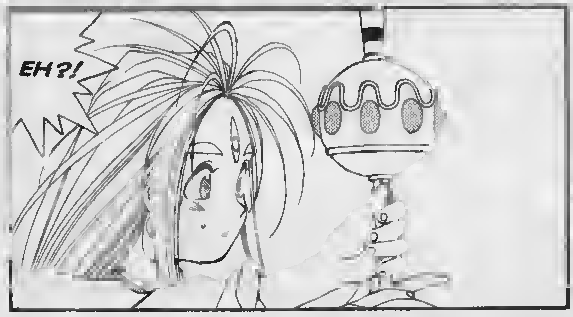
SAY... ISN'T KEIICHI ACTING KINDA STRANGE...?
NYA HA HA HA!


BELL-DANDY!
MAJOR BAD NEWS!

...AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THAT MYSTERIOUS OBJECT IS STILL HANGING THERE IN THE SKY!
REPORTS ARE THAT IT IS NOT SHOWING UP ON ANY RADAR! WHAT ON EARTH CAN IT BE?


THE UNIVERSAL SUPER-STRING HASN'T DISAP-PEARED?!
THEN... THE ULTIMATE DESTRUC-TION PROGRAM IS STILL--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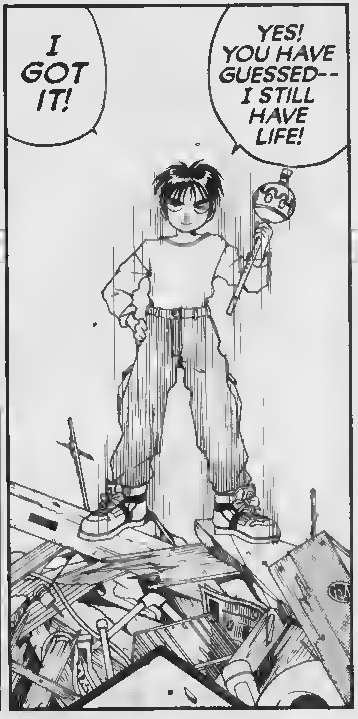
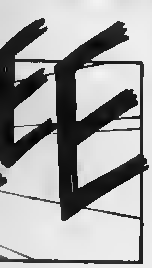
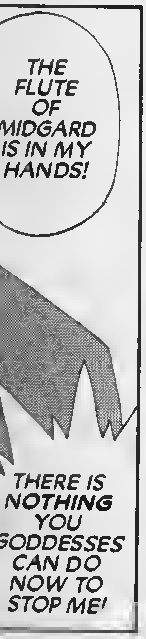
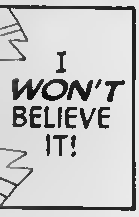

I GOT IT!
YES! YOU HAVE GUESSED-- I STILL HAVE LIFE!

NYA HA HA!
VREEEEEEEEE
THIS MORTAL BODY HAS BECOME MY BODY!
THE FLUTE OF MIDGARD IS IN MY HANDS!
THERE IS NOTHING YOU GODDESSES CAN DO NOW TO STOP ME!
WHY DON'T YOU EVER BELIEVE ME?!
WIRE
NO! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
I WON'T BELIEVE IT!

TO BE CONCLUDED NEXT ISSUE!







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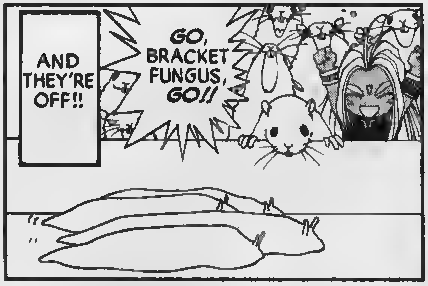
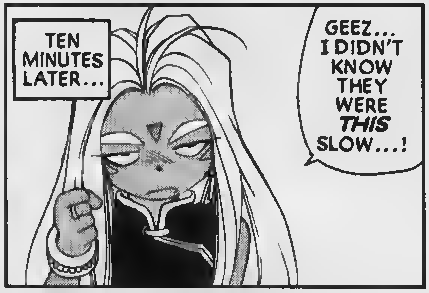
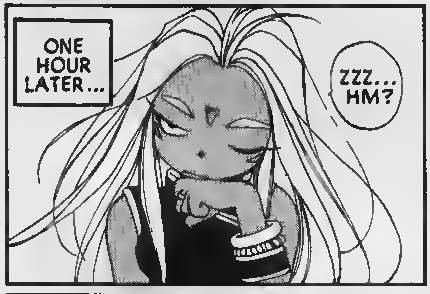
IN THE HANDY *PETITE* SIZE!

THE GREAT SLUG RACE







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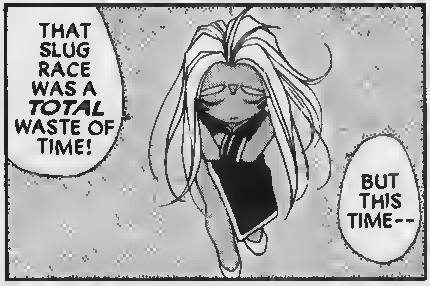

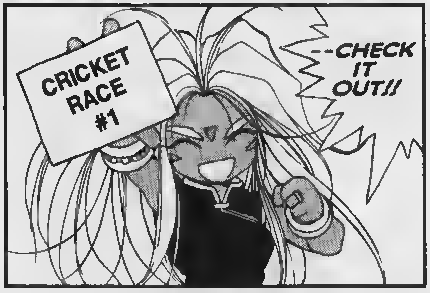

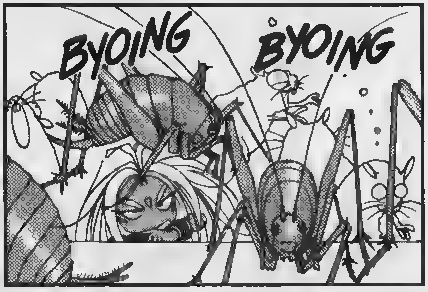

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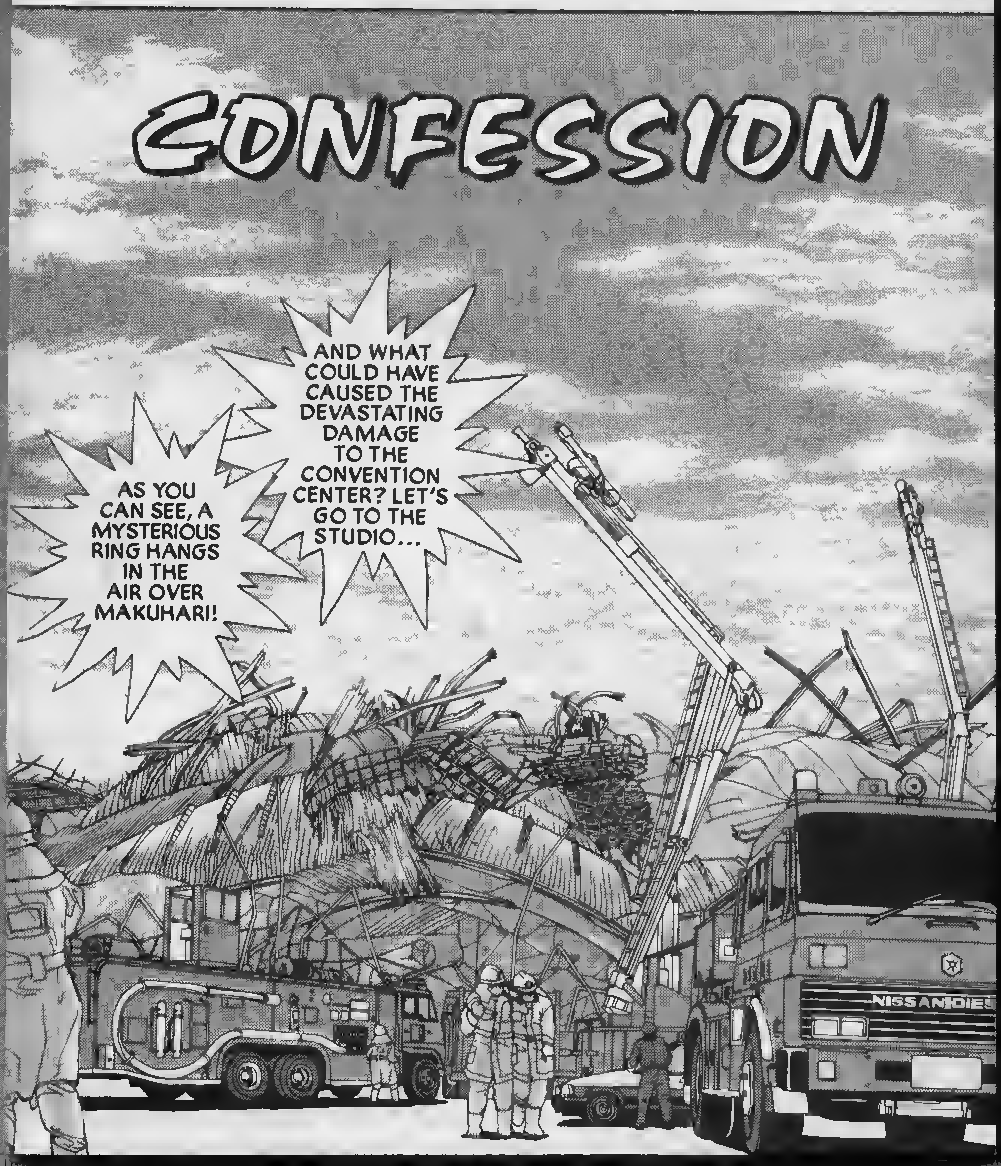
...WHERE A SERIES OF UNUSUAL EVENTS HAVE OCCURRED OVERNIGHT!

CONFESSION


AS YOU CAN SEE, A MYSTERIOUS RING HANGS IN THE AIR OVER MAKUHARI!
AND WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED THE DEVASTATING DAMAGE TO THE CONVENTION CENTER? LET'S GO TO THE STUDIO...
NISSAN DIESEL

YEA, VERILY, WE TREAD IN THE DARK REALM OF THE PARA-NORMAL!
IF WE CHANT THE *HANNYA SHINKYO* SUTRA SEVEN TIMES OVER, THE EVIL WILL DISAPPEAR!
AHEM! THIS IS CLEARLY A RARE MANIFESTATION OF ELECTRICAL PLASMA EFFECTS.
WE CAN ARRIVE AT A COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF THIS MYSTERY BASED UPON MY PUBLISHED THEORIES.
SO! YOU CLAIM THAT THE WRECK OF THE CONVENTION HALL IS DUE TO *"PLASMA"...?!*
YES. IT CAN ALL BE EXPLAINED WITH PLASMA.
AND HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THESE GIANT CLAW MARKS?!
NATU-RALLY, I EXPLAIN THEM WITH PLASMA.
SO YOU'RE SAYING EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD IS PLASMA?!
I DID NOT SAY THAT...
... GEEZ... WHAT IS THIS CRAP?

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AND AS FOR BELL-DANDY AND COM-PANY, AT THAT VERY MINUTE ...
NYA HA HA! SEE HOW THEY PANIC!
THE PITIFUL, MORTAL FOOLS!
ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER AGENCY, WINDS WILL BE LIGHT FROM THE .
YOU KNOW, EVEN FOR A LORD OF TERROR...
...YOU SURE ARE UNUSU-ALLY OBNOX-IOUS!
IT BOTHERS YOU, EH?!
CAN'T STAND IT, EH? EH?!

HEY, ASK ME IF I CARE! C'MON-- ATTACK ME! GO AHEAD!
KEIICHI...
...MY POOR KEIICHI!
STOP IT! PLEASE... PLEASE STOP!
WHY DIDN'T YOU INFECT ME, DARK LORD?!
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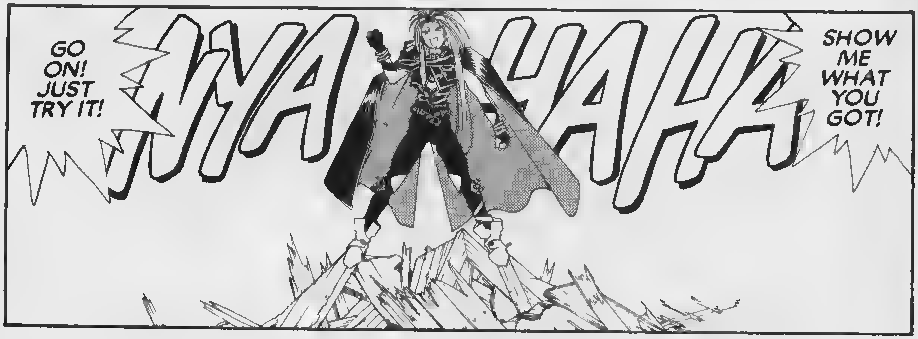
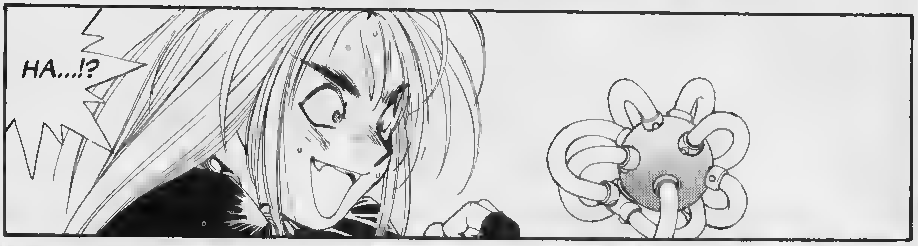

GO ON! JUST TRY IT!
NYA HAHA
SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT!


HA...!?

BKOOH

NEVER COULD GET QUITE ENOUGH "OOMPH" OUT OF JUST ONE OF THOSE SUCKERS.
GOT ANY MORE, SKULD?
YOU USED THEM ALL AT ONCE?!

HEY! WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK YOU'RE DOING?
I'VE GOT A HOSTAGE, REMEMBER?!
A HOSTAGE...?
HUH...?

I'M THE HOSTAGE!
IF YOU KILL ME, YOU KILL KEIICHI, TOO!
OH, WOW! I, LIKE, TOTALLY MISSED THAT!
NOW WHAT'LL WE DO? WE CAN'T FIGHT HIM!
THAT'S WHAT THE REST OF US WERE WORRIED ABOUT, DEAR URD...
!!
WHAT'S THAT?!
FWOOSHH
SOME-THING'S COMING!
DAMN!

YOU
L ME,
U KILL
IICHI,
OO!

THAT'S
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ST OF US
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WHAT'S
THAT?!

SOME-
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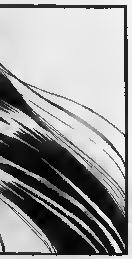
FWHOOOSSSH
YOU'RE GONNA KILL ME AND THE HOSTAGE TOO, ARE YOU, LORD?!
DAMN YOU!!
ERK

BELL-DANDY!
SIS...?!
UHH...
fss sh
MOVE ASIDE, BELLDANDY!
WOULD YOU LET THE UNIVERSE BE DESTROYED BECAUSE OF THIS MORTAL?
BUT... MY LORD...
ALL RIGHT! THIS IS GREAT!
I'VE GOT MY OWN SHIELD WITHOUT EVEN ASKING FOR IT!
SO MUCH FOR THE POWERS OF HEAVEN! STAND BACK AND WATCH HOW A LORD OF TERROR HAS FUN!



MOVE ASIDE, BELLDANDY!

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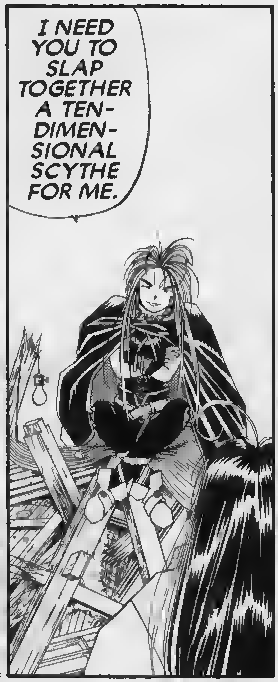
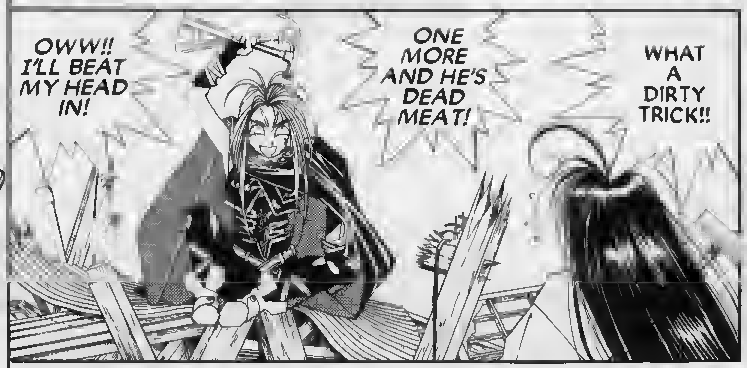
HEY, YOU! KID!
YEAH? WHAT?
GRR!


I NEED YOU TO SLAP TOGETHER A TEN-DIMEN-SIONAL SCYTHE FOR ME.

A TEN-DIMEN-SIONAL SCYTHE?!
I GET IT...THE SUPER-STRING IS TEN-DIMEN-SIONAL, TOO.

TAKE A HIKE, BOZO!
HEH... FIGURED YOU'D COP THAT KIND OF AT-TITUDE.

CHECK THIS OUT!


OWW!! I'LL BEAT MY HEAD IN!
ONE MORE AND HE'S DEAD MEAT!
WHAT A DIRTY TRICK!!

I'M GOING TO NEED A CALCULA-TOR FOR THIS.
THIS COMPUTER BRAIN OF MINE ISN'T ENOUGH...
ARGG...A BEAUTIFUL GODDESS LIKE ME DIGGING THROUGH GARBAGE...
THERE MUST BE A WAY TO SEPARATE HIM FROM KEIICHI.
WE'VE GOT TO BUY SOME TIME UNTIL WE FIND IT..
DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU TO HELP US OUT?!
HUH? ME?
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT!!
JERK!
SO...
...THIS WAS ALL WE COULD FIND.

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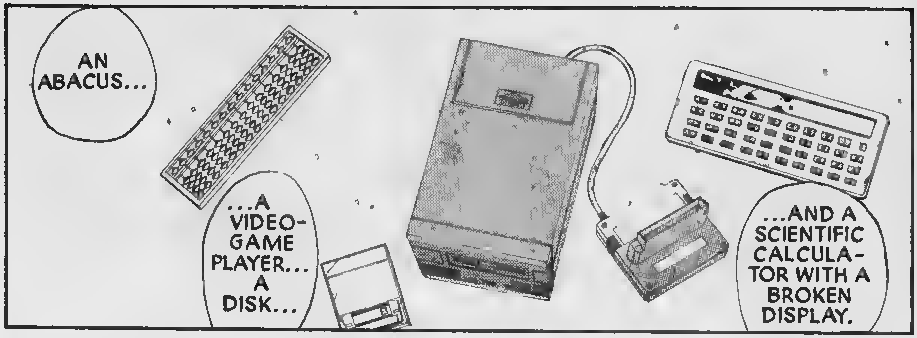
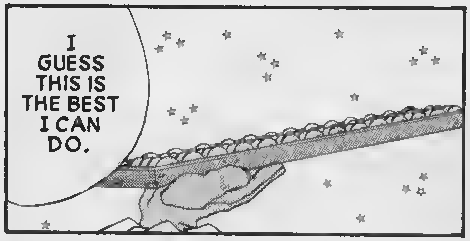
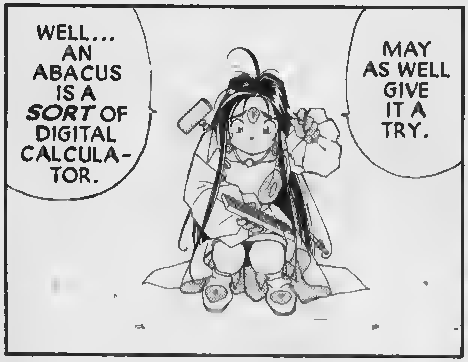
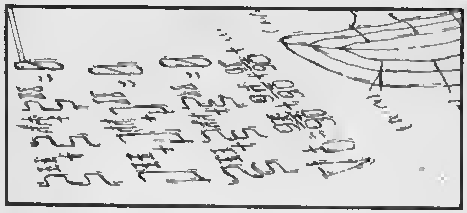
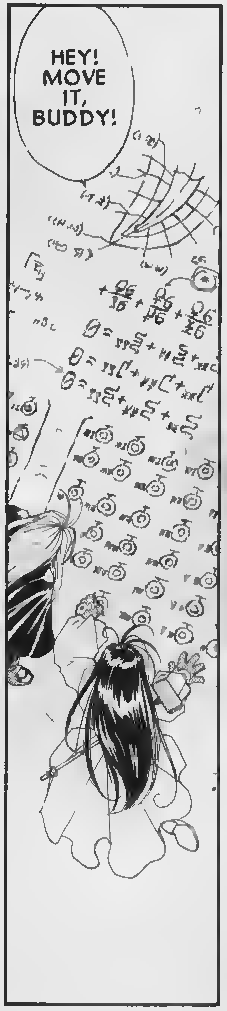

AN ABACUS...
...A VIDEO-GAME PLAYER... A DISK...
...AND A SCIENTIFIC CALCULA-TOR WITH A BROKEN DISPLAY.

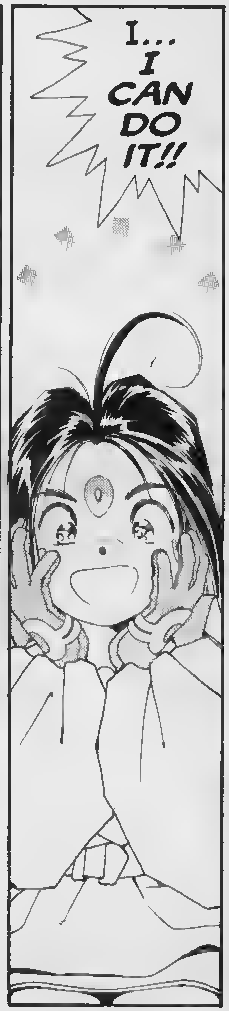

I GUESS THIS IS THE BEST I CAN DO.


WELL... AN ABACUS IS A SORT OF DIGITAL CALCULA-TOR.
MAY AS WELL GIVE IT A TRY.



OKAY... LET'S SEE...
KLIK KLIKKA KLIK KLIK KLIK


HEY! MOVE IT, BUDDY!


I... I CAN DO IT!!

NO, NO!! BAD GIRL, SKULD!
IT'S NOTHING TO CHEER ABOUT, IS IT?
OH, WELL... TIME TO GET DOWN TO BUSI-NESS...
OH, MAN... I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE RELATED...
DOESN'T IT MAKE YOUR BRAIN HURT ?
FWAK WHAK
AND SO, IN THE END, SKULD WAS IN-TOXICATED BY THE JOY OF CREATION...
THE ONLY SCYTHE THAT CAN CUT THE SUPER-STRING...
...IS ONE FORGED BY A GODDESS!
THE SOUNDS OF YOUR STRIKING HAMMER, ONE BY ONE, PLAY OUT THE MELODY OF YOUR OWN DESTRUCTION!
HERE! FINISHED!
HEY!
GIVE ME A BREAK, WILLYA ?!
OH, ALL RIGHT... HERE.
HEY, KID... YOU REALLY DID MAKE IT!

OH, MAN... CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE RELATED...
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AND SO, IN THE END, SKULD WAS IN-DICATED BY THE JOY OF CREATION...

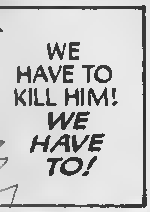
SOUNDS YOUR KING MER, ONE, BUT THE JOY OF OWN CTION!

HEY, D... OU ALLY MAKE IT!

HEH... NOT BAD.
AND NOW, THE MILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION! WHAT WILL I DO AFTER I CUT THE SUPER-STRING?
HANG YOUR-SELF!
KNIT A SWEATER!
ENOUGH! SORRY I ASKED...
FOOLS!! I SHALL RE-CREATE THE UNIVERSE!
AND MAKE IT ONE OF MY OWN CONCEPTION!

WHAT?!
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE PLANNING!
BELL-DANDY!
WE HAVE TO KILL HIM! WE HAVE TO!
FLEAK
I MEAN, WHAT KIND OF HORRIBLE UNIVERSE DO YOU THINK THAT NUT CASE WILL MAKE?
LA DA DEE DUM!
MEANWHILE, BACK AT MAKUHARI MESSE...
fffttt
WHOA!! IT VANISHED!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
BY THE GODS! BEHOLD THE POWER OF THE HANNYA SHINKYO SUTRA!
THE FIELD COLLAPSED. THAT'S ALL.

SO THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE PLAN-NING!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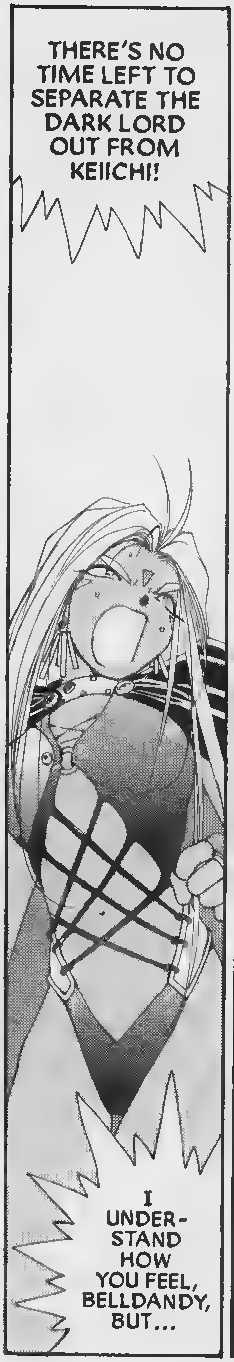
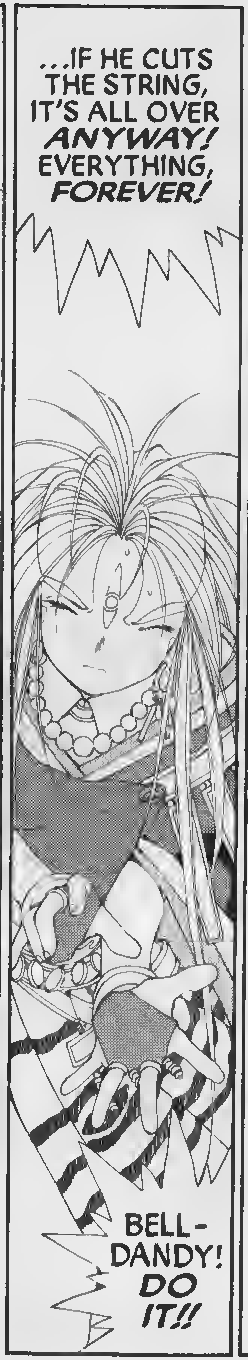

THERE'S NO TIME LEFT TO SEPARATE THE DARK LORD OUT FROM KEIICHI!
I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL, BELLDANDY, BUT...

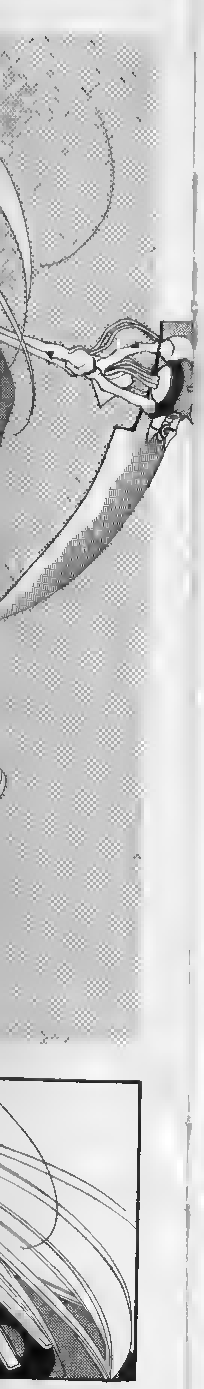

...IF HE CUTS THE STRING, IT'S ALL OVER ANYWAY! EVERYTHING, FOREVER!
BELL-DANDY! DO IT!!

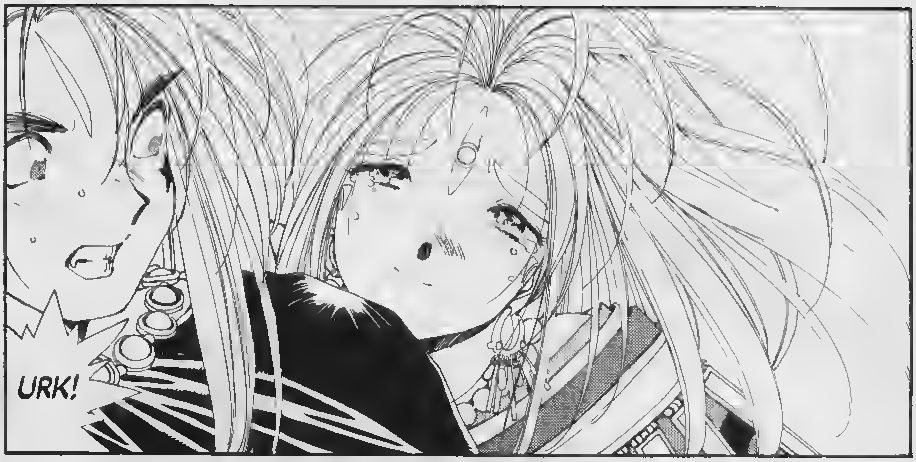
OKAY, NOW... LET'S TAKE A WHACK AT IT...
...JUST ONE, GOOD CHOP!!

HYAAA!!!
WHSSHH
BELL-
DANDY!!
NOW!!
NO!!
I
CAN'T
!!

NYA HA HA!!
WHOK
YEEHAW! IT'S TH' END OF THE UNIVERSE, KIDDIES!! babble babble
THE UNI-VERSE... GONE!!

?!
URK!
LEMM
GO!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!




URK!

LEMME GO!
FFFNNRAAKK

HUH? YOU'RE GOING TO BLOW US BOTH UP?!

IF I CAN'T REBUILD THE UNIVERSE, THERE'S NO POINT IN CUTTING THE STRING!
I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY!
BELL-DANDY!! DON'T!!
HUH?!
SHE'S FORCING ME OUT?!
OF COURSE! OUR BASE WAVELENGTHS ARE DIFFERENT-- I CAN'T INFECT A GODDESS!
NRGGH!

I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY!
BELL-
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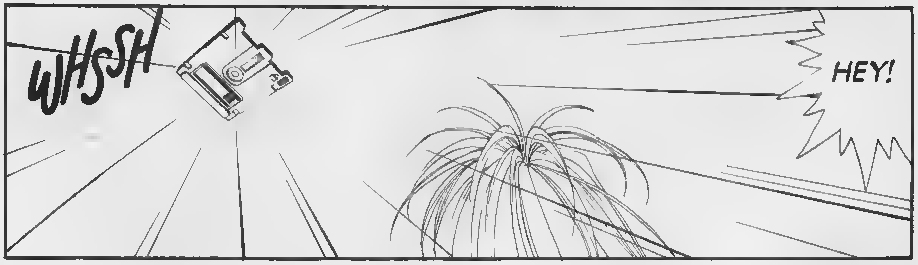
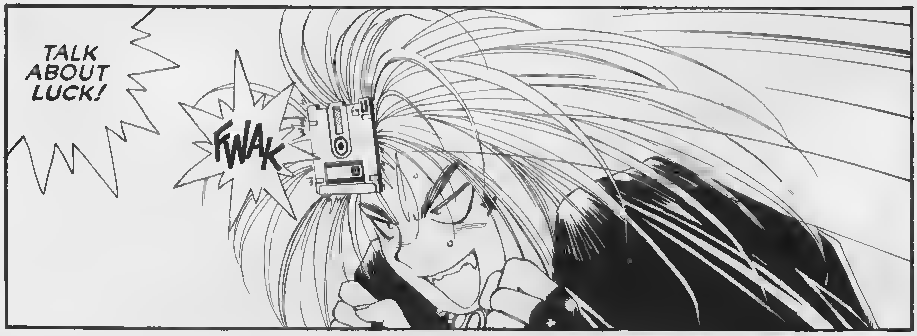
NOW I KNOW WHAT TO DO!
URD! HELP ME!
OKAY!
HAIEE!! THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING AROUND I CAN TRANSFER TO!


WHSSH
HEY!

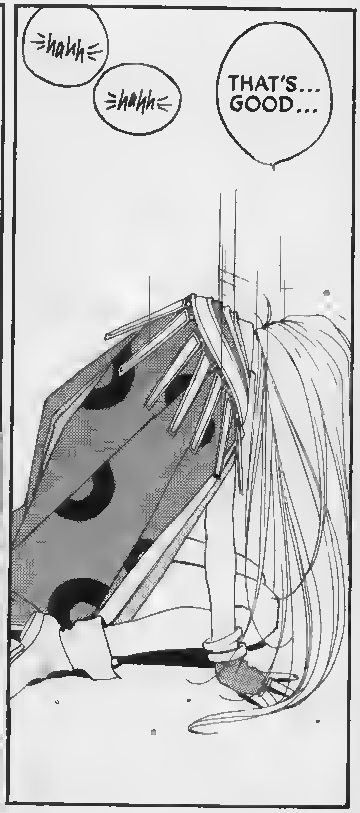

TALK ABOUT LUCK!
FWAK

DONE!
THAT'S WHAT THEY MEAN BY "A GOOD SAMARITAN..."
NYA HA HA!
HA...?!
KTAK
KEIICHI, I...I'M SO GLAD I MET YOU.
KEIICHI...
KEIICHI...
BELL-DANDY!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! IT'S OVER!
SWISH
THE LORD OF TERROR SEPARATED!
THAT'S.. SO GOOD...

NYA HA HA HA!

IT'S ALL RIGHT! IT'S OVER!

THE LORD OF TERROR SEPA- RATED!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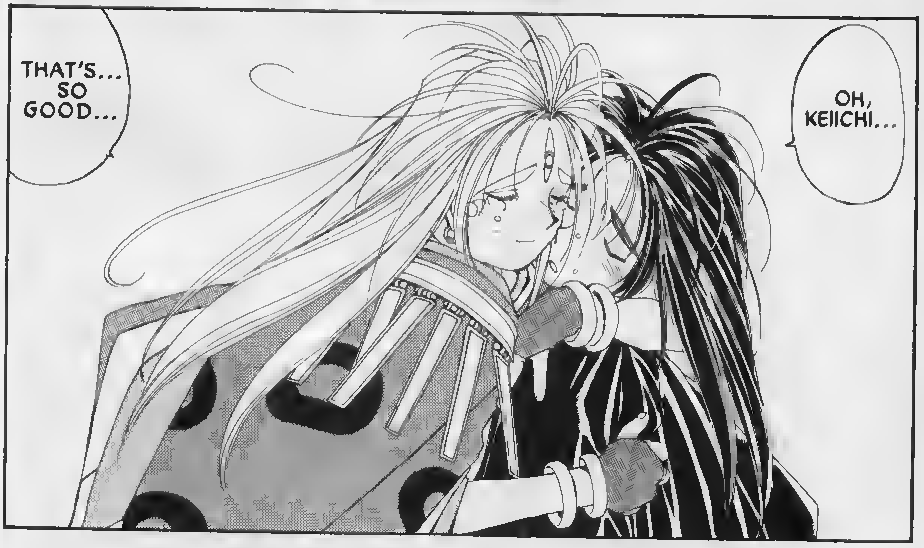
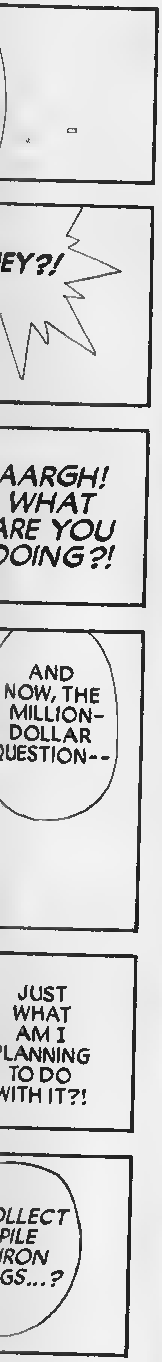

THAT'S... SO GOOD...
OH, KEIICHI...

NOW THEN, THE PROBLEM IS...
...WHO DO I INFECT NOW...?
HEY?!
SNAK
AARGH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I'VE POPPED THE TAB.
YOU'RE A "READ-ONLY" FILE NOW!
AIEE!
AND NOW, THE MILLION-DOLLAR QUESTION--
--HERE I HAVE A POWER-FUL MAGNET.
JUST WHAT AM I PLANNING TO DO WITH IT?!
UMM... ER... MAYBE...
...COLLECT A PILE OF IRON FILINGS...?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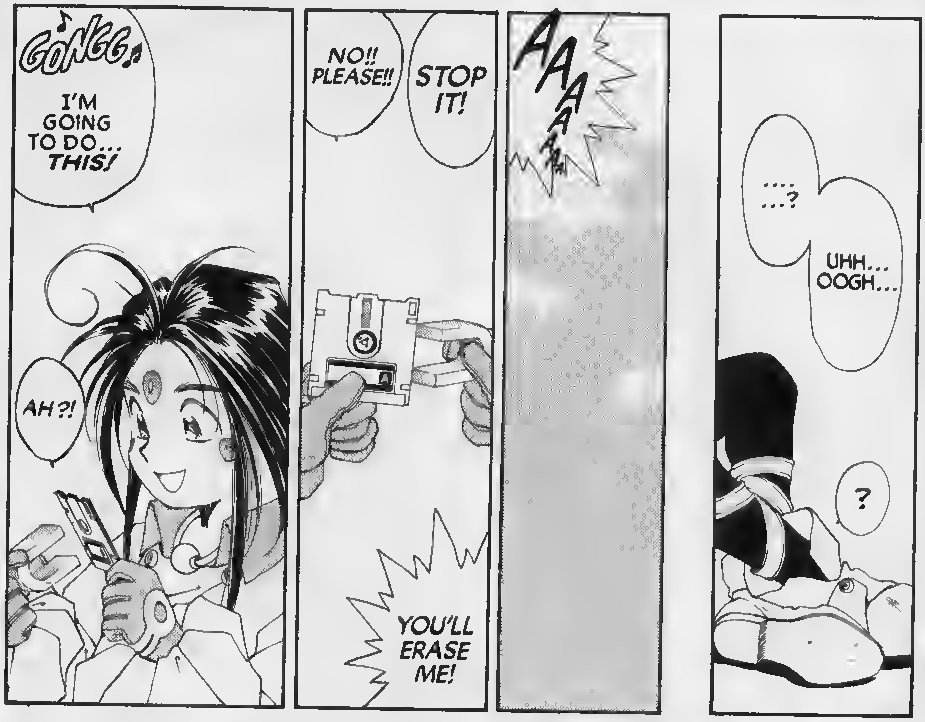
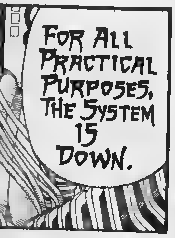

GONGG
I'M GOING TO DO... THIS!
AH?!
NO!! PLEASE!!
STOP IT!
YOU'LL ERASE ME!
AAAAAAAH
....?
UHH... OOGH...
?

HUH...? HEY!
THIS ISN'T THE MAKU-HARI MESSE...

YOW! WHAT'S WITH THIS OUTFIT?!

IT'S OUR RESPONSI-BILITY THAT THE SUPER-STRING GOT CUT.
WE HAVE NO EXCUSE.
THE UNIVERSAL SUPER-STRING...?

YES.. THE STRING WAS CUT.
YET IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT YOU ALL DID YOUR VERY BEST.
HOW-EVER!
THE YGGDRASIL MAINFRAME IS DIVERTING ALL OF IT'S RESOURCES TO SUBSTITUTING FOR AND RECONSTRUCTING THE SUPERSTRING.
FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE SYSTEM IS DOWN.
YOU MUST ESCAPE EARTH UNDER YOUR OWN POWER, OR REMAIN.
I LEAVE THE DECISION TO EACH OF YOU.
FARE-WELL!
"ESCAPE"...? WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?
GOODY, GOODY!
NOW THEY CAN'T SUSPEND MY LICENSE! ♥
OH, YES... URD...
...ABOUT YOUR SUSPENSION-- I'LL BE PLACING A NOTE IN YOUR PERMANENT FILE.
YOU BIG MEANIE!!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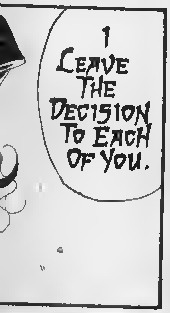
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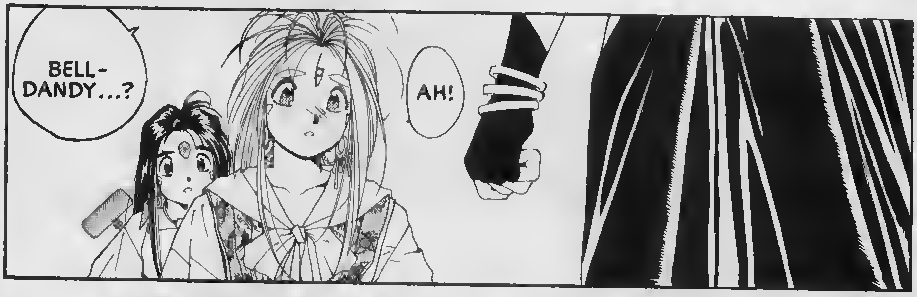
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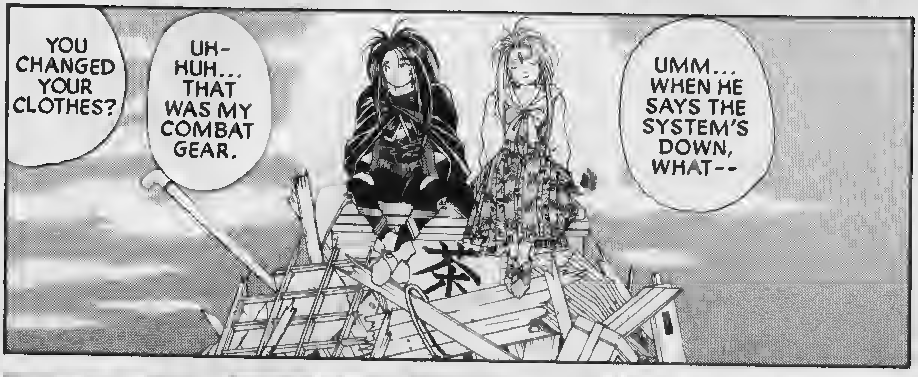
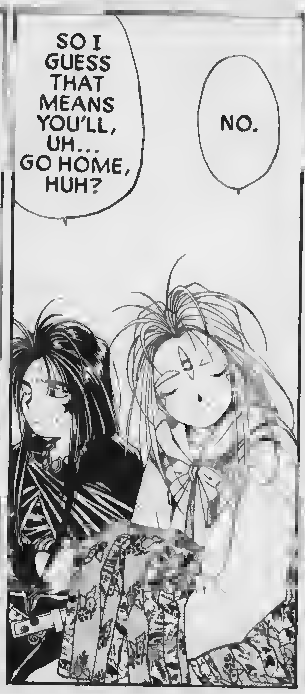

YOU CHANGED YOUR CLOTHES?
UH-HUH... THAT WAS MY COMBAT GEAR.
UMM... WHEN HE SAYS THE SYSTEM'S DOWN, WHAT--

IT MEANS...
...THAT ALL MY CONTRACTS, ALL MY DUTIES, ARE SUSPENDED.


SO I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU'LL, UH... GO HOME, HUH?
NO.

YOU KNOW...
...I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE JUST BECAUSE OF MY CONTRACT, KEIICHI.

Hey, kid
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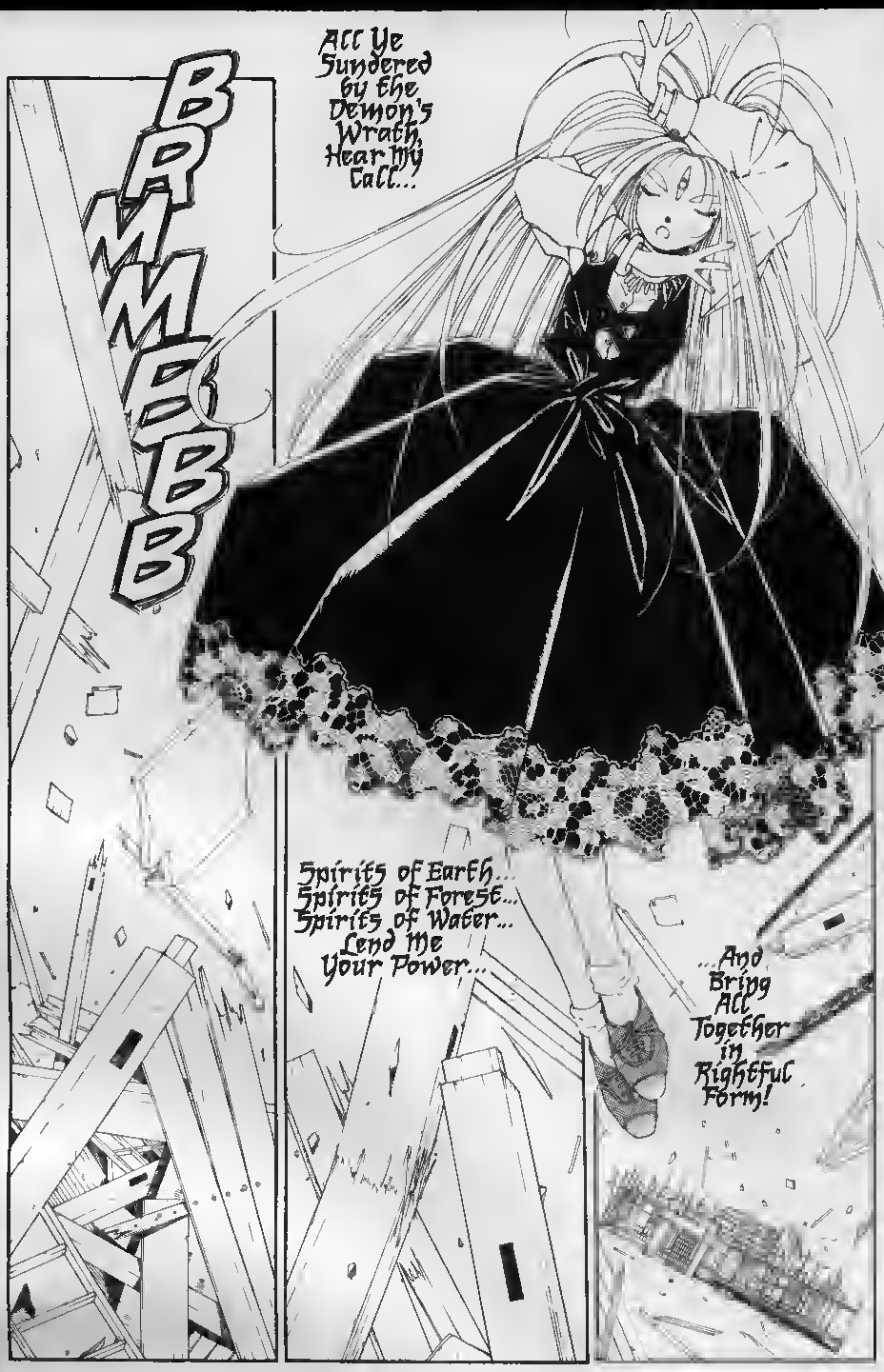
BRMMBBB
All Ye Sundered by the Demon's Wrath, Hear My Call...
Spirits of Earth... Spirits of Forest... Spirits of Water... Lend Me Your Power...
...And Bring All Together in Righteful Form!

WHR AMM
KSSSSHHHH
WHOA! THAT WAS INTENSE!
YOU REALLY ARE RUNNING ON FULL POWER!
EVEN SO, THAT USED JUST ONE TEN-MILLIONTH OF MY ENERGY.
WITH THE LORD OF TERROR GONE, I'M MUCH TOO POWERFUL FOR THIS WORLD.
I HAVE TO BOTTLE IT UP AGAIN.

HEY, KEIICHI! I'VE WHIPPED UP A NICE, NEW BEDROOM JUST FOR YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS!
UMM, BELLDANDY? CAN I ASK ONE LAST FAVOR BEFORE YOU...
THERE!
THAT'S BETTER... NOW EVERY-THING'S THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE.
SHEESH... THAT'S THE THANKS YOU GET!
URK!
THUNK
ALAS, POOR BMW! I KNEW IT WELL...

CAN I FIX IT FOR YOU?
NO. PLEASE, NO.
KEIICHI... LET ME DO IT.
HM?
I GUESS I MAY BE A LITTLE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED...
...NOT THAT IT'S ALL MY FAULT-- NO WAY! BUT...
PLEASE! I BEG YOU!
LET ME FIX IT!
....
....
WELL, WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT...
...I GUESS I DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE, HEY?

GEE... I HOPE IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT
I'M NOT SURE I LIKE THAT GLEAM IN HER EYES
LEAVE IT TO ME! I'LL MAKE IT TWICE AS GOOD AS BEFORE!
KEIICHI!!
OH NO! MEGUMI ...?
AH! THERE YOU ARE!
IT'S SO AWFUL!
THE WHOLE MAKUHARI CONVENTION CENTER! SMASHED FLAT AS A PANCAKE!
OH, YEAH? UH... NO KIDDING! WOW!
SO HOW COME YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OVER HERE INSTEAD OF JUST CALLING?
KEIICHI! KEIICHI!
DID YOU SEE IT ON TV?!
'CAUSE YOUR PHONE ISN'T WORKING, BROTHER DEAR.
WHY'S THAT, HUH?
OH, GOSH I WONDER...
GEEZ... WHY'D SHE HAVE TO BUTT IN?

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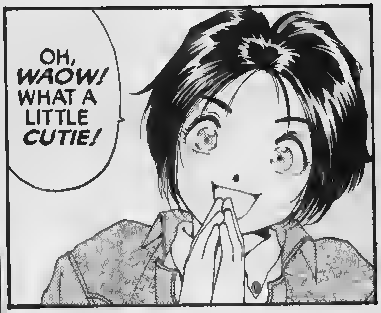
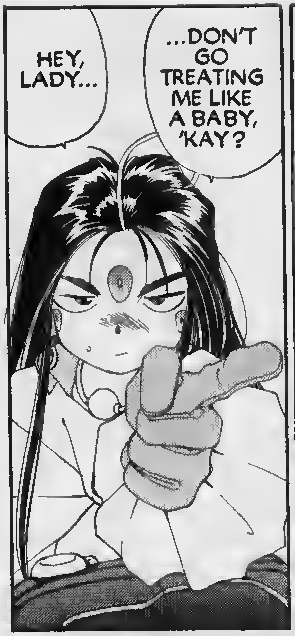
GEEZ...
WHY'D SHE HAVE TO BUTT IN?

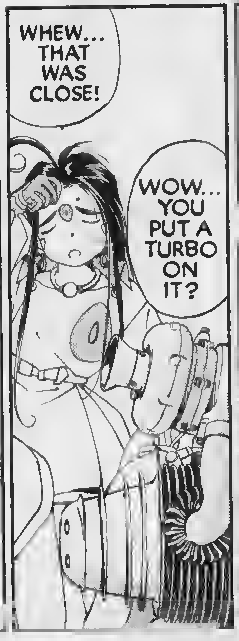
KE-I-CHI!!
YOUR BIKE'S READY!

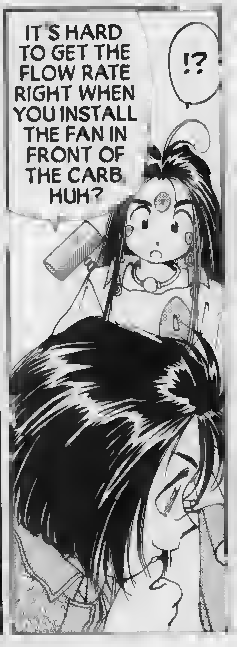

OH, WAOW! WHAT A LITTLE CUTIE!

IS SHE YOUR DAUGHTER, KEIICHI?
GRAB A BRAIN, MEGUMI!
SHE'S BELL-DANDY'S LITTLE SISTER!


HEY, LADY...
...DON'T GO TREATING ME LIKE A BABY, 'KAY?

EEK!!
WHOA!
WHOOPS!

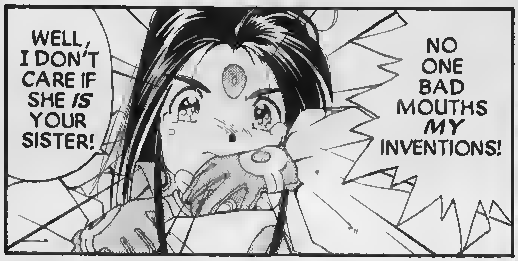

WHEW... THAT WAS CLOSE!
WOW... YOU PUT A TURBO ON IT?

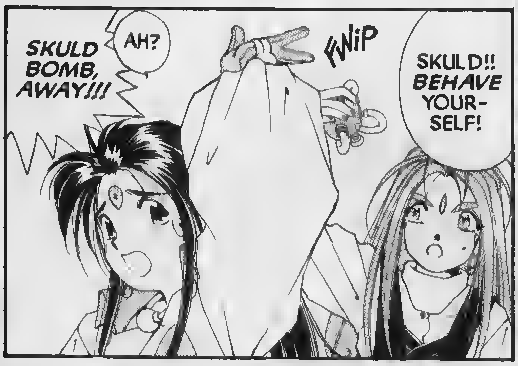

IT'S HARD TO GET THE FLOW RATE RIGHT WHEN YOU INSTALL THE FAN IN FRONT OF THE CARB. HUH?
!?

SHE... SHE'S GOOD!
AND IN THAT INSTANT, SKULD REALIZED SHE HAD MET THE GREAT RIVAL OF HER LIFE!
?

NOT THAT HER "RIVAL" NOTICED...
BUT POURING THAT KIND OF POWER INTO A STOCK FRAME... COULD BE PUSHING IT...
WHAT?!
ARE... ARE YOU ACTUALLY CRITICIZING MY DESIGN WORK?!
ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, LADY, IT SHOULD BE PLENTY FAST!
I'M NOT SAYING IT WON'T BE FAST.
I'M JUST SAYING THE BRAKES, FRAME, AND SUSPENSION MAY BE OVER-STRESSED.
KEIICHI! TAKE IT FOR A SPIN AND PROVE I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!
ER... DO I HAVE ANY SAY IN THIS...?
YOU'RE RIGHT-- THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO PROVE IT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.
VAROOM
SKREEEE
YEP-- THOUGHT SO.
SKRASSH!
IT'S JUST 'CAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO DRIVE RIGHT!

ALL RIGHT, KEIICHI! WHO IS THIS... THIS *PERSON*?!
"PERSON"?
SHE'S MY LITTLE SISTER... MEGUMI.


WELL, I DON'T CARE IF SHE *IS* YOUR SISTER!
NO ONE BAD MOUTHS *MY* INVENTIONS!

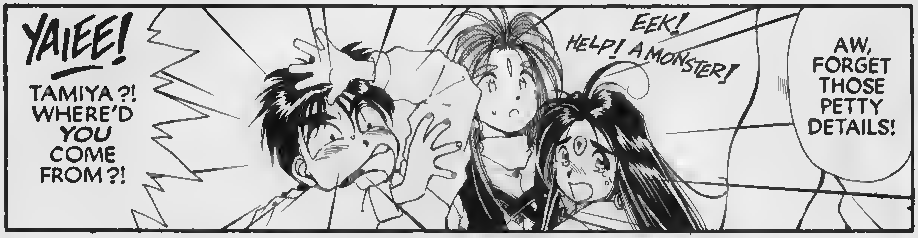

SKULD BOMB, AWAY!!!
AH?
SNIP
SKULD!! *BEHAVE* YOUR-SELF!

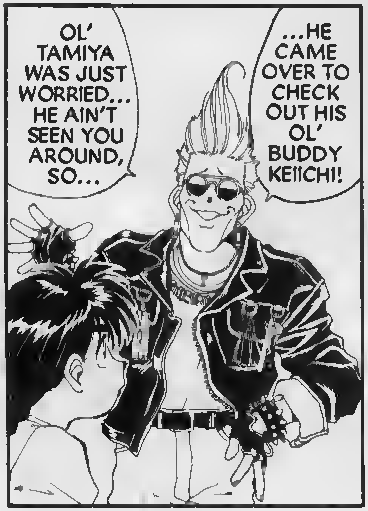
IF YOU USE HARSH WORDS...
...YOUR HEART WILL BECOME HARSH AS WELL.
YEP-- COUNT ON BELL-DANDY TO CALM HER DOWN!

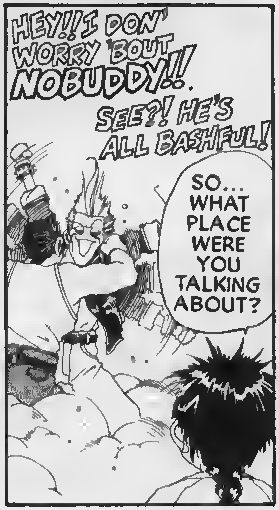
AND DON'T FORGET, FOR A FIGHT TO THE DEATH, YOU NEED A PROPER BATTLE-FIELD!
OF COURSE!! THANKS, BIG SISTER!
YOU REALLY *ARE* ALL SISTERS, AREN'T YOU?
YEAH? Y'THINK SO?
PERSONALLY, I JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

..YOUR HEART WILL BECOME HARSH AS WELL.
YEP--- COUNT ON BELL-DANDY TO CALM HER DOWN!
PERSONALLY I JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

AWRIGHT!!
I GOTS JUST DA PLACE FOR YA!!


YAIEE!
TAMIYA?! WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?!
EEK! HELP! A MONSTER!
AW, FORGET THOSE PETTY DETAILS!

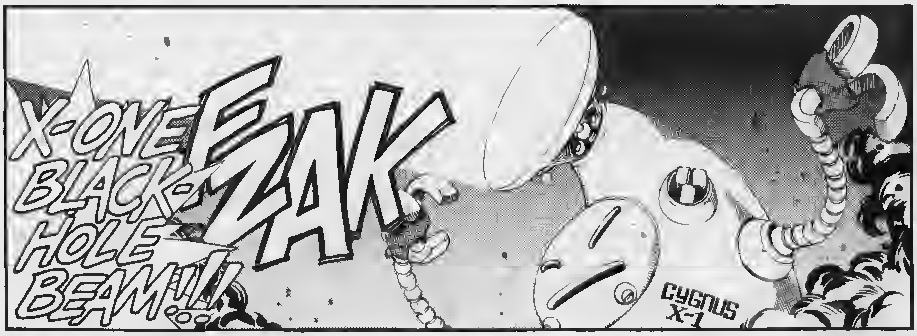

OL' TAMIYA WAS JUST WORRIED... HE AIN'T SEEN YOU AROUND, SO...
...HE CAME OVER TO CHECK OUT HIS OL' BUDDY KEIICHI!

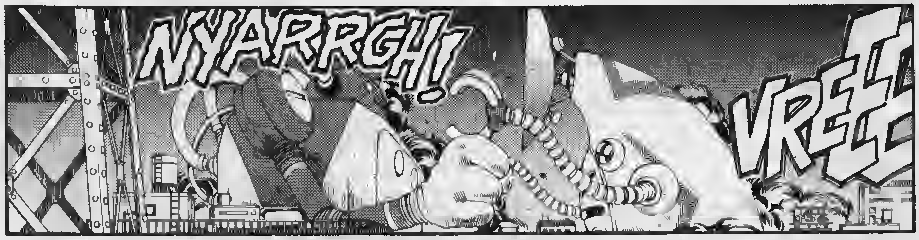

HEY!! I DON' WORRY 'BOUT NOBUDDY!!
SEE?! HE'S ALL BASHFUL!
SO... WHAT PLACE WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

OH, YEAH. DAT'S RIGHT.

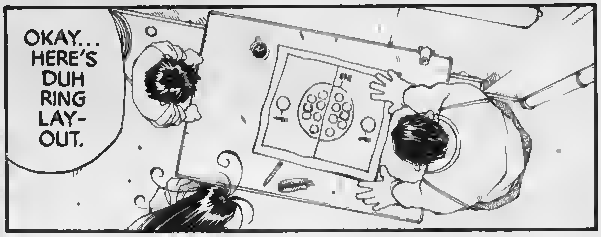
HERE'S WHERE YUH CAN DO A BATTLE TO DA DEATH!
"ROBOT WARS" ...?!
OPEN TO ALL
WHAT?
YUH! WE PLANNED IT FOR DIS YEAR'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL!
NEKOMI TECH
ROBOT PUNCH!!
POW!

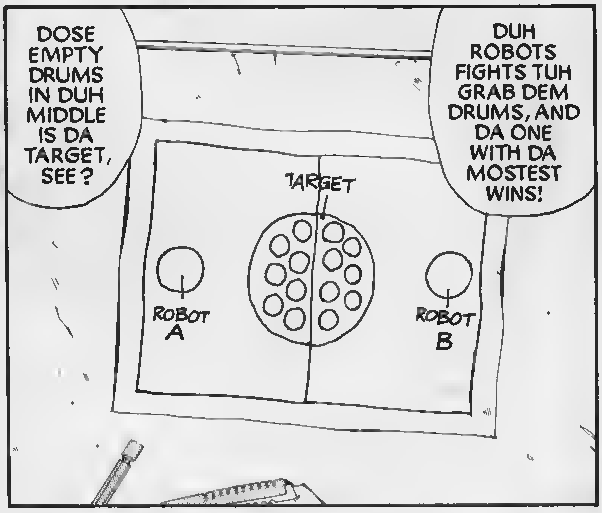
YUH! WE PLANNED IT FOR DIS YEAR'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL!


X-ONE BLACK-HOLE BEAM!!!
EZAK
CYGNUS X-1


NYARRGH!
VREEE

OR THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT IT WAS.
WRONG?
BIG TIME!!
KRANG
WHAM
SQUEE


OKAY... HERE'S DUH RING LAY-OUT.


DOSE EMPTY DRUMS IN DUH MIDDLE IS DA TARGET, SEE?
DUH ROBOTS FIGHTS TUH GRAB DEM DRUMS, AND DA ONE WITH DA MOSTEST WINS!
TARGET
ROBOT A
ROBOT B

WE PROVIDES DA MATERIALS!
YOU PROVIDES DA PEOPLE!
AN' YOU CAN MESS WIT DA UDDER GUY'S ROBOT ALL YUH WANT!
WHEWW... WHAT A RELIEF. IT'S A PRETTY NORMAL IDEA, FOR THOSE GUYS.
EVEN IF THEY ARE KINDA WORKED UP ABOUT IT
YER MATERIALS IS OVER DERE!
WHA-?!
TH-THIS...
...THIS JUNK?!

EVENTS SOON TOOK AN UNEX-PECTED TURN...

OH!! HERE COMES OUR LOVELY *SKULD!!*

WE ARE THE SOLDIERS OF THE SKULD PALACE GUARD!

WE SWEAR TO DEFEND SKULD TO THE DEATH!

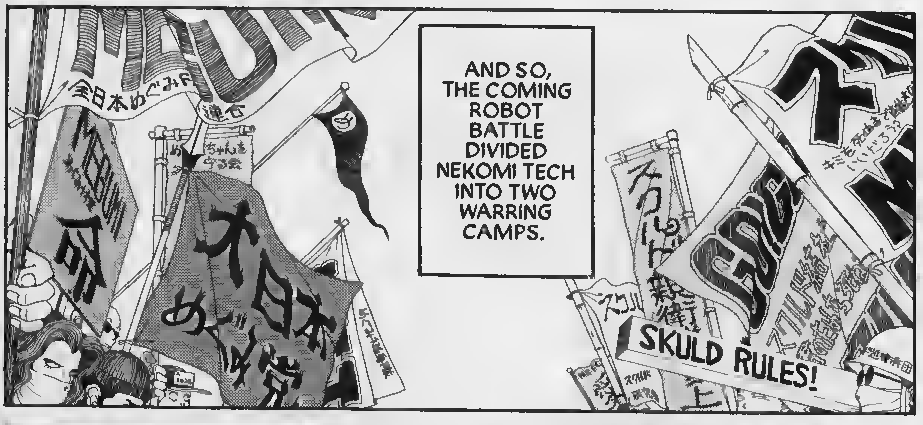
HURRAH!

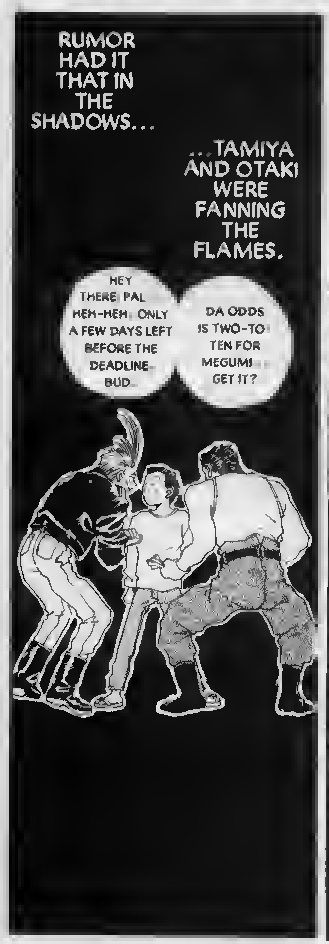
SKULD WAS AN INSTANT HIT.

WE ARE THE MEGUMI MORISATO ULTRA-FAN CLUB!

ALL TOGETHER NOW, LET US LEAD MEGUMI TO VICTORY!

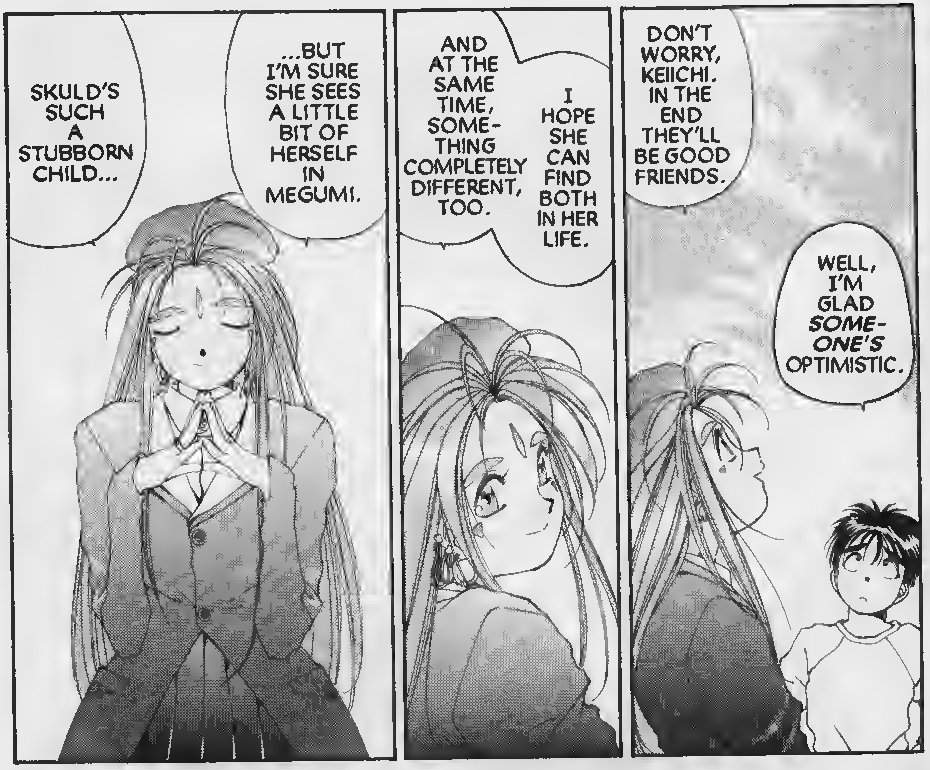
HURRAH!

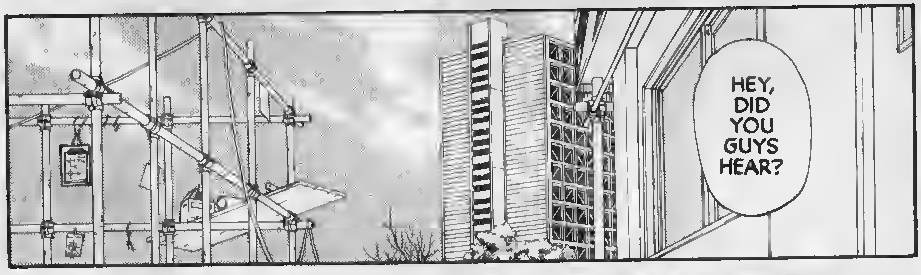

AND SO, THE COMING ROBOT BATTLE DIVIDED NEKOMI TECH INTO TWO WARRING CAMPS.
SKULD RULES!

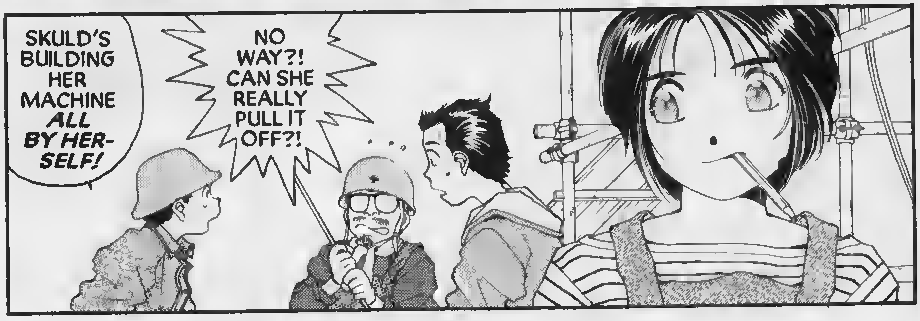

RUMOR HAD IT THAT IN THE SHADOWS...
...TAMIYA AND OTAKI WERE FANNING THE FLAMES.
HEY THERE PAL HEH-HEH. ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE DEADLINE, BUD.
DA ODDS IS TWO-TO-TEN FOR MEGUMI... GET IT?

SO WHICH ONE ARE YOU FOR, MAN?
ME...? I'M FOR MEGUMI.

SHEESH... THIS WHOLE THING IS GETTING OUTTA HAND, HUH?
WHAT?! I'LL MURDERIZE YA, YOU LITTLE CREEP!
TRY IT, YOU CRADLE-ROBBING PERVERT!!


SKULD'S SUCH A STUBBORN CHILD...
...BUT I'M SURE SHE SEES A LITTLE BIT OF HERSELF IN MEGUMI.
AND AT THE SAME TIME, SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, TOO.
I HOPE SHE CAN FIND BOTH IN HER LIFE.
DON'T WORRY, KEIICHI. IN THE END THEY'LL BE GOOD FRIENDS.
WELL, I'M GLAD *SOMEONE'S* OPTIMISTIC.


HEY, DID YOU GUYS HEAR?


SKULD'S BUILDING HER MACHINE *ALL BY HERSELF!*
NO WAY?! CAN SHE REALLY PULL IT OFF?!

WOW...
...THAT'S PRETTY COOL.
BUT, SKULD...
...THERE ARE LIMITS TO WHAT YOU CAN DO ALONE.
WE'RE BEHIND YOU 100%, SKULD!
GO, SKULD!
GO! GO! LETS GO! SKULD!
AT LAST, THE DAY OF BATTLE DAWNED.
I'VE MADE THE MOST PERFECT MACHINE I COULD.
CAN YOU WIN FOR ME, MY LOVELY "HYSTERIC WHEEL NUMBER ONE"...?!
MEGUMI!!
YAAH! MEGUMI!!!
SHOW HER THE POWER OF OUR MACHINE, MEGUMI!
IT'S PRETTY INCREDIBLE THAT YOU MADE THAT MACHINE ALL BY YOURSELF, SKULD...
...BUT VICTORY WILL BE MINE!
BRING IN THE ROBOTS!

UH, TAMIYA? THOSE DRUMS THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO COLLECT...
HYSTERIC WHEEL
IN THE RED CORNER, SKULD AND HER HYSTERIC WHEEL NUMBER ONE!
YUH MEAN DEM BIG DRUMS?!
YEAH. CAN THEY--
READY! SET!
AND IN THE BLUE CORNER, MEGUMI AND HER POT SHAKER DRAGON!!

Go!
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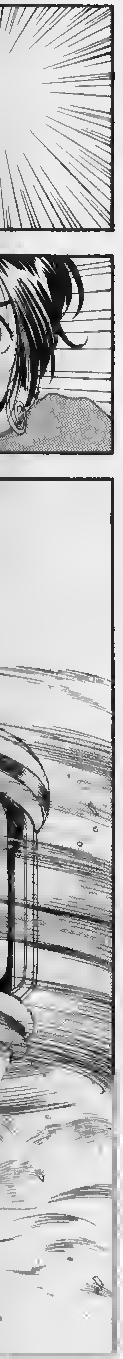
WHSSH
KSSHAK
EEEEEEEEEEEE



SHAK
MEGUMI PLANS TO SNAG THEM WITH THOSE PINCHERS...
...AND CAPTURE THEM WITH THAT GIANT BUCKET!
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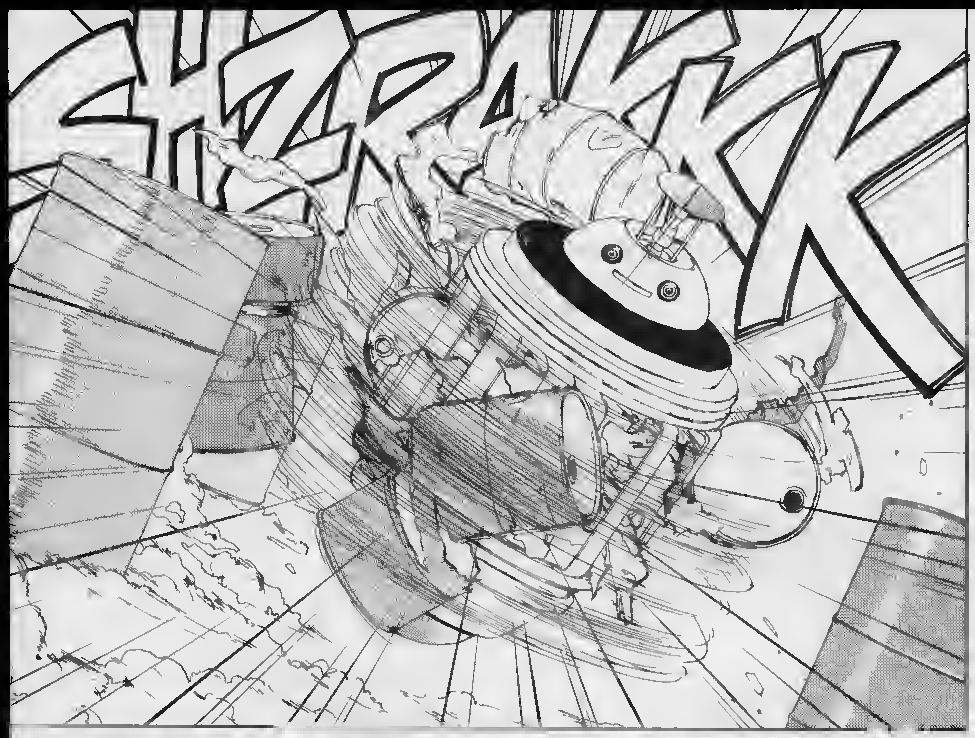
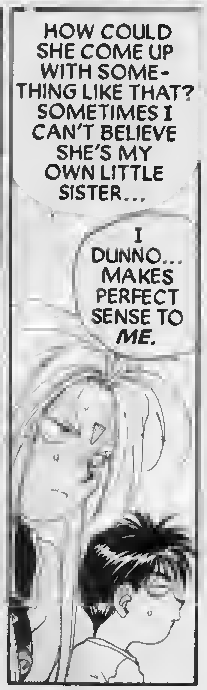
NOT GONNA HAPPEN!
SPLANK
KRANG
WRAM!
....!
...!


SHRAKK

HAH!! ANYTHING THAT ENTERS THE EFFECTIVE RADIUS OF MY HYSTERIC WHEEL...
...IS IMMEDIATELY SHREDDED INTO TINY BITS!!

NYA-HA-HA! WHO'S LAUGHING NOW?!
WHR


HOW COULD SHE COME UP WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT? SOMETIMES I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S MY OWN LITTLE SISTER...
I DUNNO... MAKES PERFECT SENSE TO ME.

MY OW
ROBO
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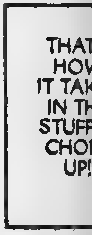
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MY OWN ROBOT DOESN'T HAVE ANY OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY.

IF IT GETS CLOSE TO SKULD'S ROBOT...

...IT'LL BE SHREDDED, TOO!

WAIT A SEC... LOOKS LIKE IT'S OPENING AND CLOSING...

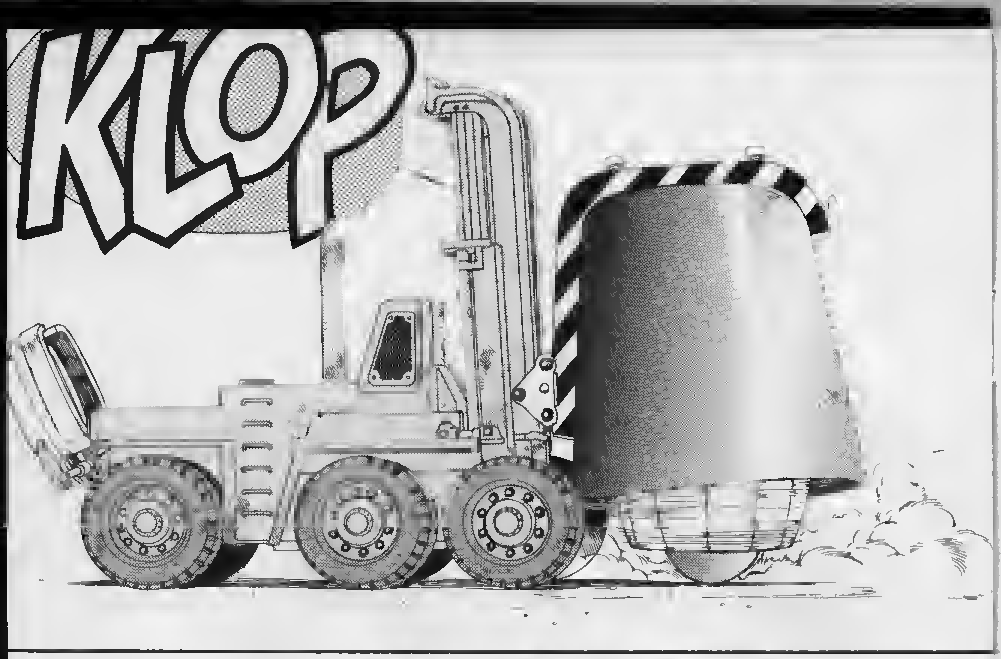
FREEEE

AH-HAH!! SO THAT'S IT!

THAT'S HOW IT TAKES IN THE STUFF IT CHOPS UP!

FREEEE

IF I MOVE FAST, I MAY STILL HAVE A CHANCE!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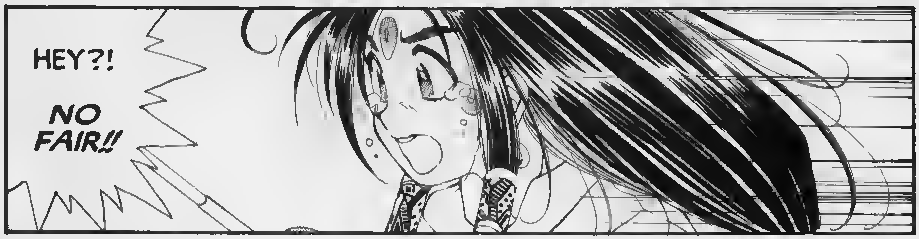
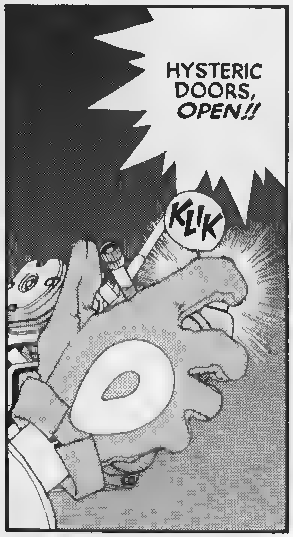
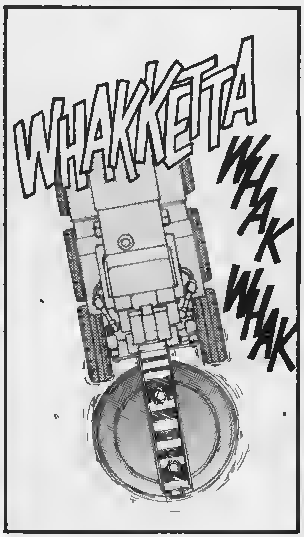
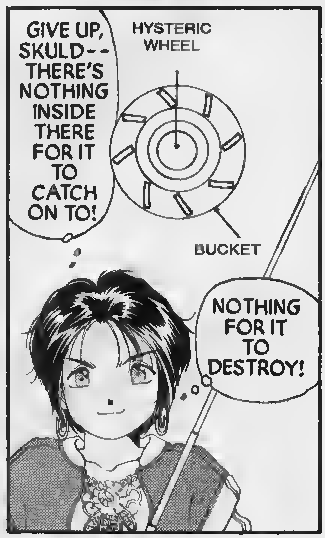

HEY?!
NO FAIR!!

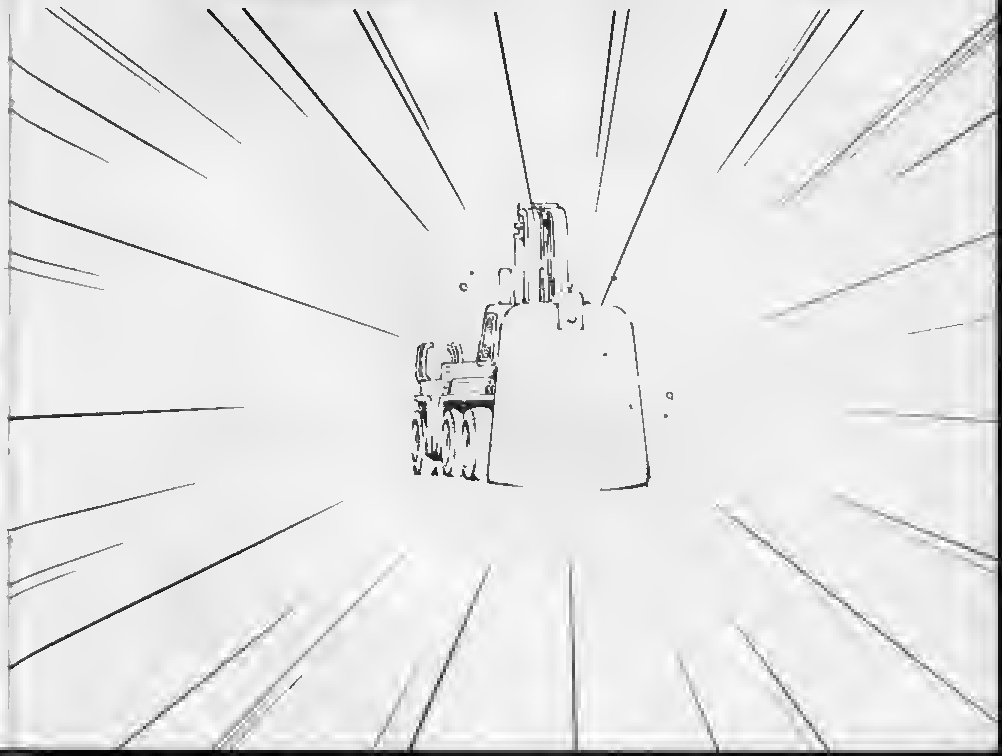

HYSTERIC DOORS, OPEN!!
KLIK

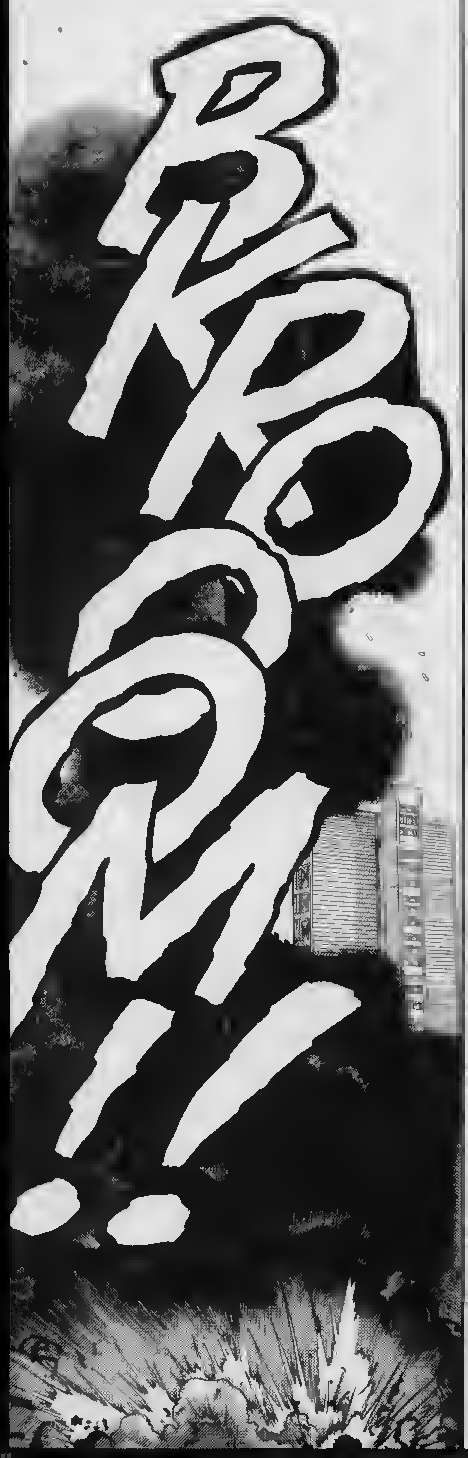

WHAKKETA
WHAK
WHAK


GIVE UP, SKULD--THERE'S NOTHING INSIDE THERE FOR IT TO CATCH ON TO!
HYSTERIC WHEEL
BUCKET
NOTHING FOR IT TO DESTROY!

RIC
EL
BUCKET
NOTHING FOR IT TO DESTROY!

UH, TAMIYA... WHAT HAPPENS IN A CASE LIKE THIS?
WULL, SINCE DAT TING DONE GOT EVERYTHING DAT SKULD'S MACHINE GOT, DAT MEANS MEGUMI WINS!
NO NO NO NO NO!
THAT'S NOT FAIR! NO WAY!!
OKAY! IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU'RE GONNA PLAY--
--TRY THIS!
KLIK




KRO-SSH!!

A... A SELF-DESTRUCT DEVICE...?
HOW DID SHE MANAGE TO MAKE THAT?!
UH, TAMIYA... WHAT HAPPENS IN A CASE LIKE THIS?
DUH... WELL, UH... IT'S A DRAW?
HEY, TAMIYA!
IF IT'S A DRAW, GIVE BACK OUR BETS!
UH... WULL...
DA WAY WE PLANNED IT, WE WUZ GONNA CASH IN NO MATTER WHO WON. SO...
...WE ALREADY SPENT DA PROFITS.

AIEE! KEI
GIVE US OUR MONEY!
THERE, THERE, SKULD.

DUH... WELL, UH... IT'S A DRAW?
...WE ALREADY SPENT DA PROFITS.

AIEE! KEIICHI! H-HELP US!!
GIVE US OUR MONEY!
SHOW 'EM NO MERCY, BOYS.
THERE, THERE, SKULD.
MAKE UP WITH HER LIKE A GOOD GIRL AND BE FRIENDS.
YOU'RE GOOD.... BUT THIS TIME YOU WERE JUST LUCKY.
THAT'S RIGHT!
THAT WAS SOME ROBOT, SKULD!

NEXT TIME LET'S MAKE ONE TO-GETHER.
IT'LL BE MORE FUN THAT WAY.
SURE... OKAY. I GUESS THAT MAKES US EVEN.
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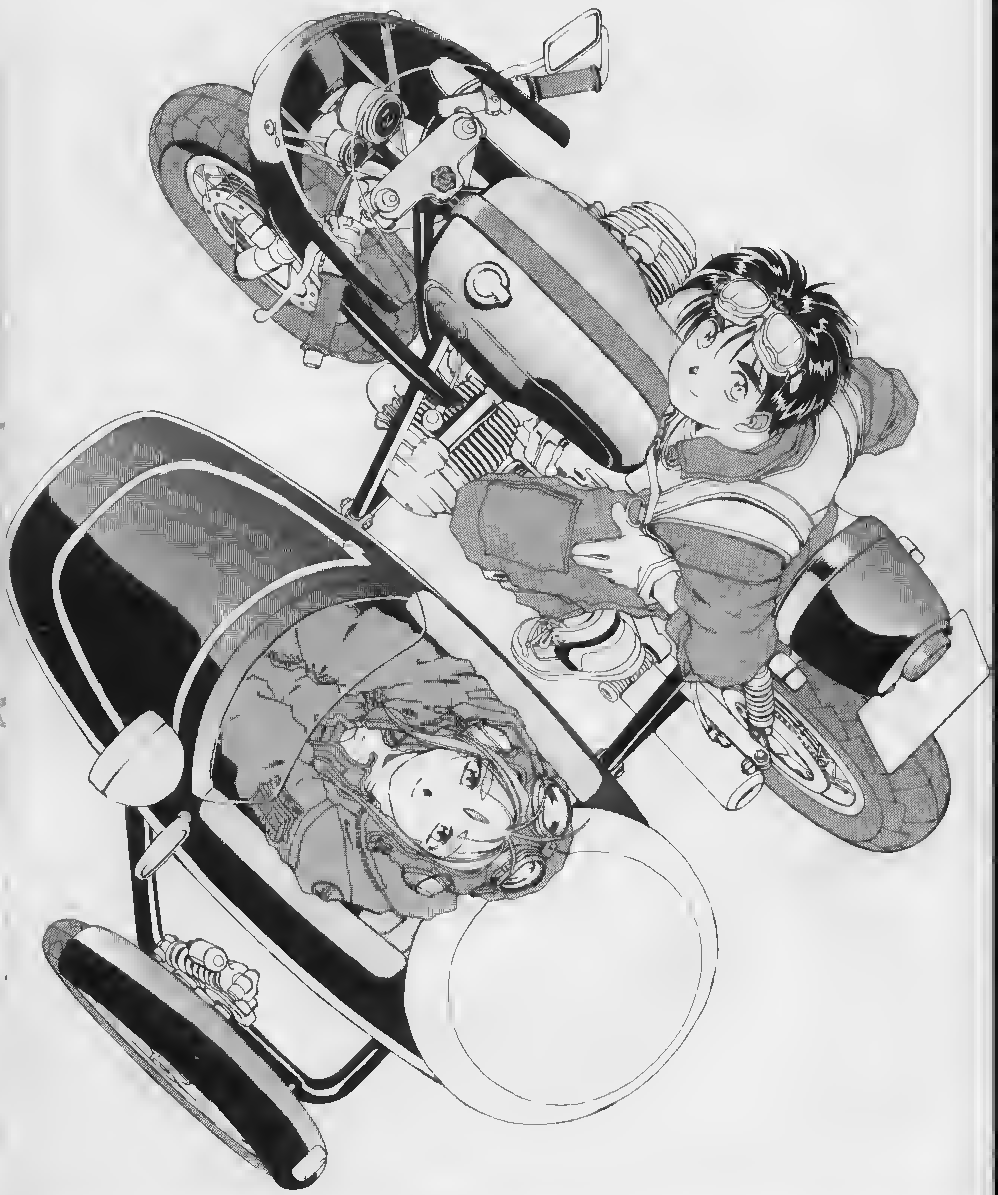
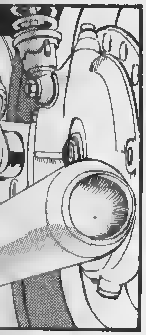
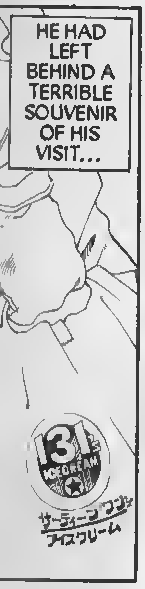


MORE THAN A MONTH HAD PASSED SINCE THE "LORD OF TERROR" AFFAIR. EVERYTHING WAS ONCE AGAIN PEACEFUL AND CALM.
BRMM
BUT AS IT HAPPENS, THE LORD OF TERROR HAD DONE MORE THAN JUST CRASH THE YGGDRASIL SYSTEM.
BBBBB
I'M BACK!
HE HAD LEFT BEHIND A TERRIBLE SOUVENIR OF HIS VISIT...
HEY, EVERY-BODY! ICE CREAM!!
(SILENCE)
HUH...?

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3 ICE CREAM
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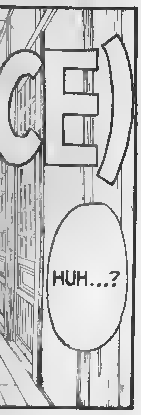
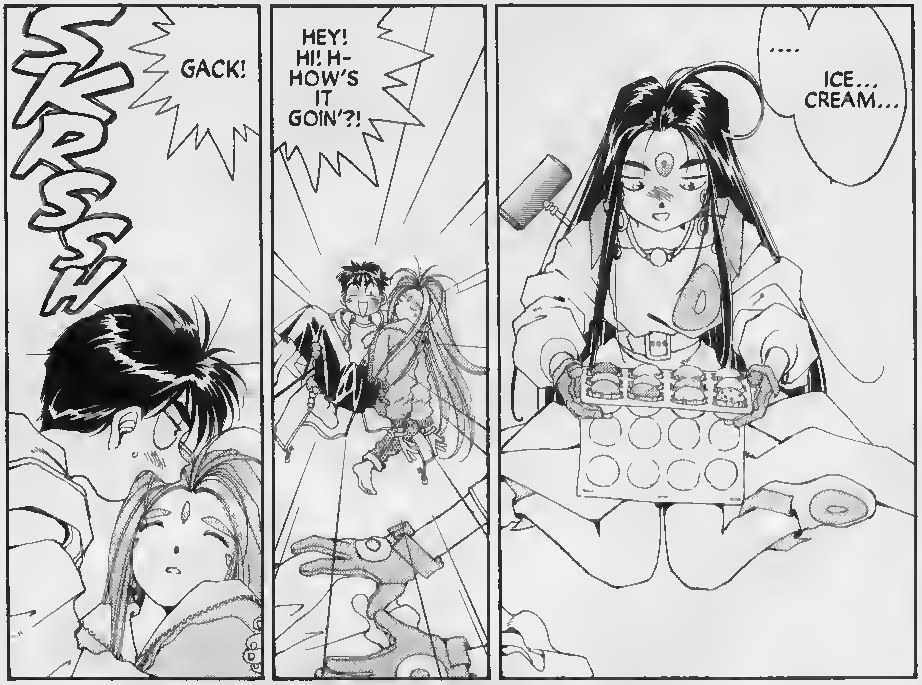
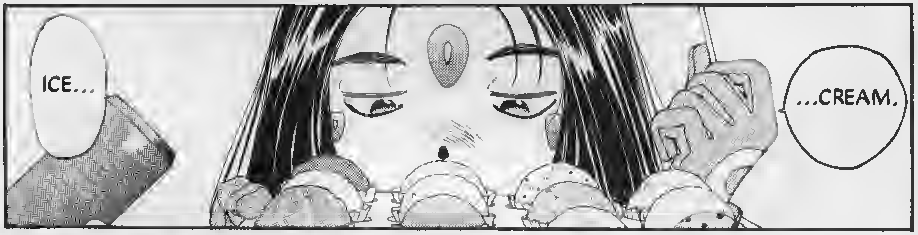

HUH...?

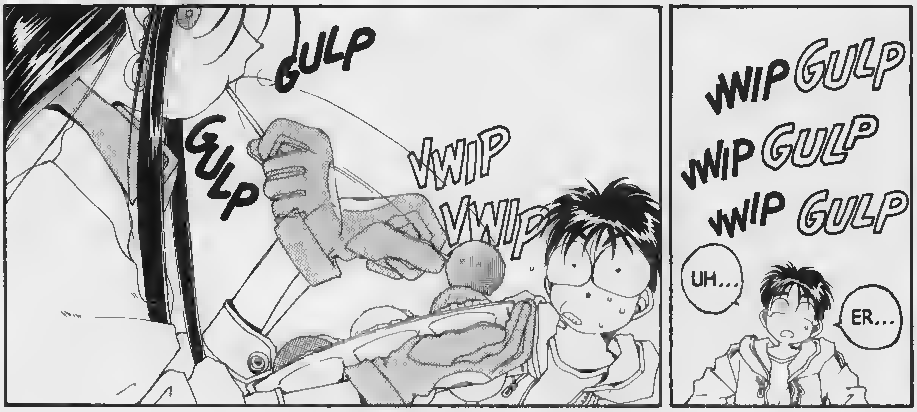
THAT'S WEIRD... USUALLY THEY GO NUTS FOR ICE CREAM...
HELLO...?
OH, MY GOD!
DON'T TELL ME THEY'VE... GONE HOME?!
KCHAK
BELL-DANDY!!

BELL-DANDY! W-WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU DIDN'T USE TOO MUCH OF YOUR POWER AGAIN, DID YOU?
BUT...
...SHE HASNT BEEN USING HER POWERS AT ALL LATELY.
ZZZ
ZZZ
WELL, SO LONG AS SHE'S OKAY...
ZZZ
...I GUESS SHE'S GOT TO WAKE UP SOME-TIME.
....
....
HMM... STEALING JUST A LITTLE KISS WOULDN'T BE THAT BAD, WOULD IT....?
C'MON, KEIICHI!! KISSING SOMEONE IN HER SLEEP? THAT'S SO PATHETIC...
BUT... WHEN WILL YOU GET ANOTHER CHANCE?


SMASH
GACK!
HEY! HI! H-HOW'S IT GOIN'?!
....
ICE... CREAM...


ICE...
...CREAM.


GULP
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VWIP
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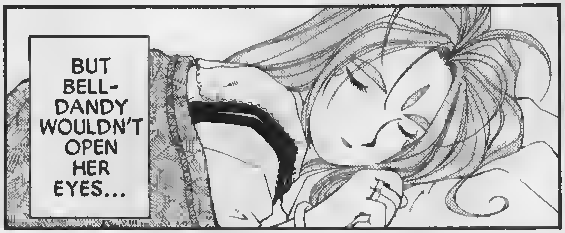
VWIP GULP
VWIP GULP
UH...
ER...

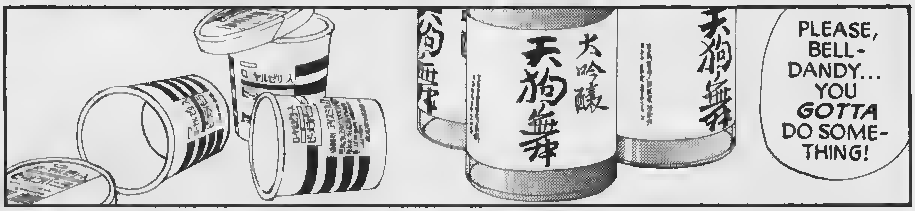
URD!!
HEY, URD!
SOME-THING'S WRONG WITH BELL-DANDY AND SKU-
THD
OH, YEAH?
GEESH... THASH AW-FUL...
AAGH! THAT BOTTLE! THAT'S... THAT'S...
...THAT'S MY PRIZE BOTTLE OF PURE, REFINED "DEMON DANCE" SAKE?!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW EXPENSIVE THAT STUFF IS?!
KYA-HA-HA! LOOKSH LIKE A DEMON! LETSH SEE YA DANSH!!
DON'T GIMME THAT!
GEEZ, THEY'RE ALL ACTING WEIRD!

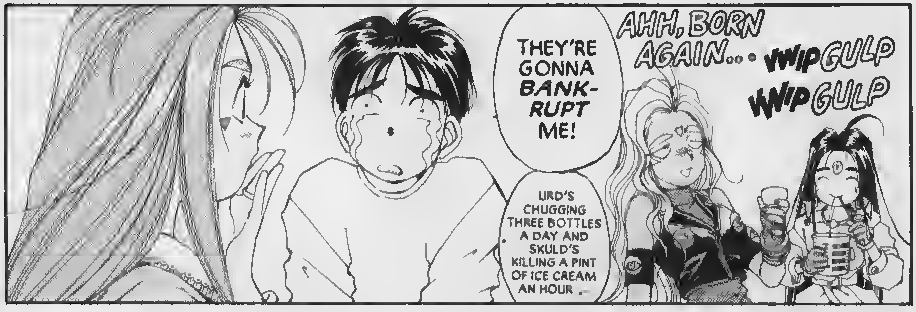
GEESH... THASH AW-FUL...
EZ, Y'RE LL TING IRD!

BELL-DANDY... OPEN YOUR EYES, GIRL... PRETTY PLEASE?
I CAN'T TAKE THIS...
KEIICHI! BUY ME SAKE! SAKE!
KEIICHI! ICE CREAM! BUY ME ICE CREAM!

...NOT FOR AN-OTHER THREE DAYS.


BUT BELL-DANDY WOULDN'T OPEN HER EYES...


PLEASE, BELL-DANDY... YOU GOTTA DO SOME-THING!


THEY'RE GONNA BANK-RUPT ME!
URD'S CHUGGING THREE BOTTLES A DAY AND SKULD'S KILLING A PINT OF ICE CREAM AN HOUR...
AHH, BORN AGAIN...
WIP GULP
WIP GULP

THIS... THIS IS AWFUL!!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE YGGORASIL CRASHED!
A COMPUTER CRASH CAUSED THIS?!
YGGORASIL IS OUR CONTROL SYSTEM. BUT AT THE SAME TIME...
...IT'S OUR LIFE-SUPPORT SYSTEM, TOO.
THESE NATURAL ENERGIES ARE WHAT POWER THE LOCAL EARTH SPIRITS.
BUT WE CAN'T PROCESS THEM UNTIL THEY'VE BEEN CONVERTED BY YGGORASIL.
FOR US TO STAY HERE ON EARTH WE HAVE TO TAP ENERGY...
FROM THE EARTH...
THE TREES...
WIND AND CLOUDS...
EVEN THE SEA.
WE BORROW ENERGY FROM ALL OF NATURE.

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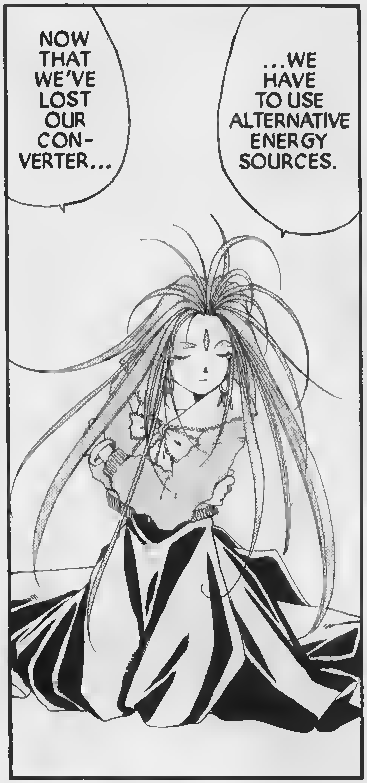
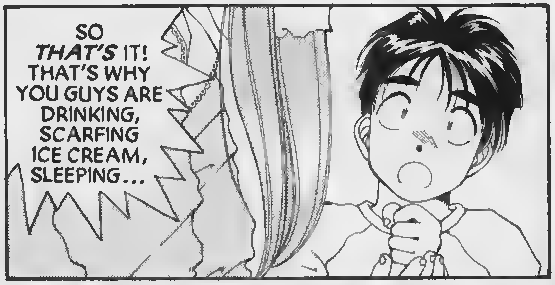
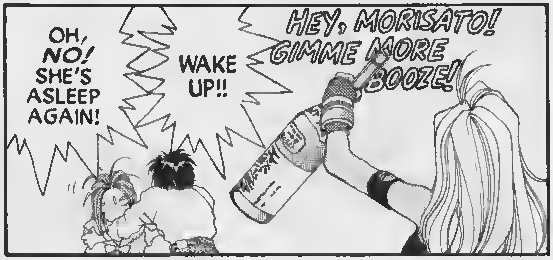
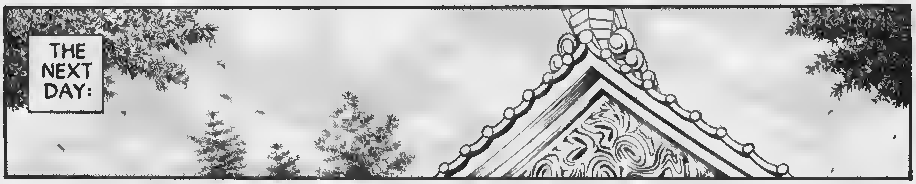

NOW THAT WE'VE LOST OUR CON-VERTER...
...WE HAVE TO USE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.


SO THAT'S IT! THAT'S WHY YOU GUYS ARE DRINKING, SCARFING ICE CREAM, SLEEPING...

ZZZZ
?


OH, NO! SHE'S ASLEEP AGAIN!
WAKE UP!!
HEY, MORISATO! GIMME MORE BOOZE!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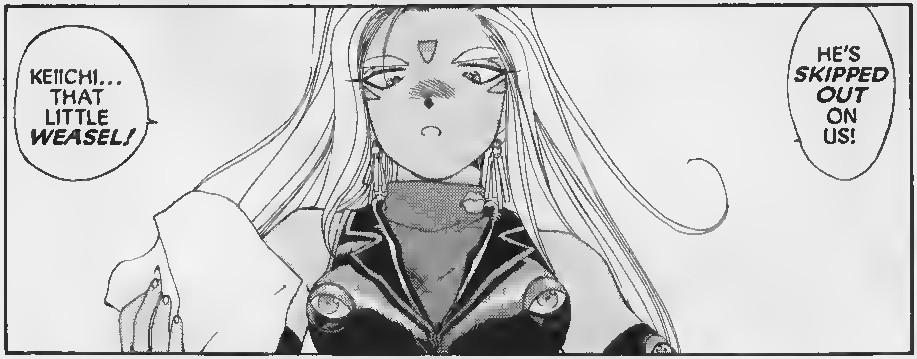
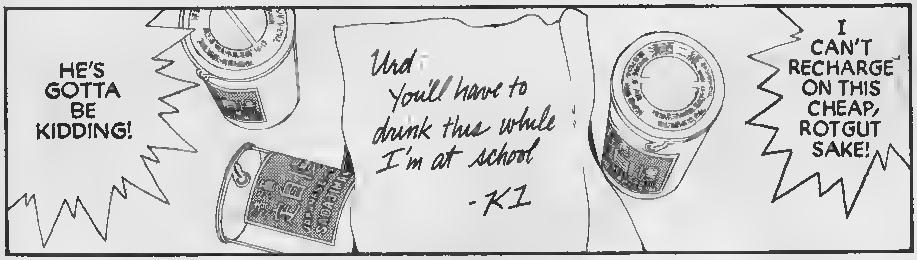
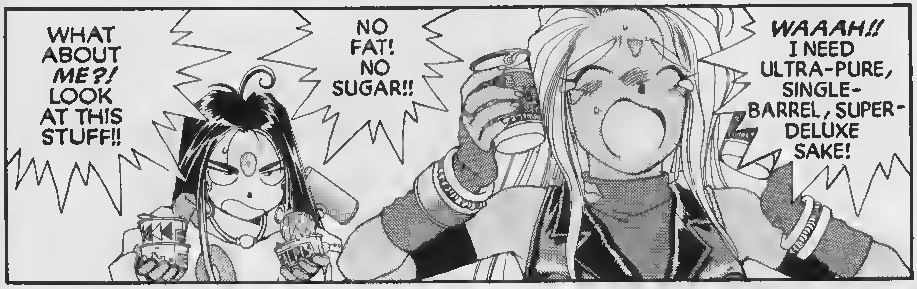
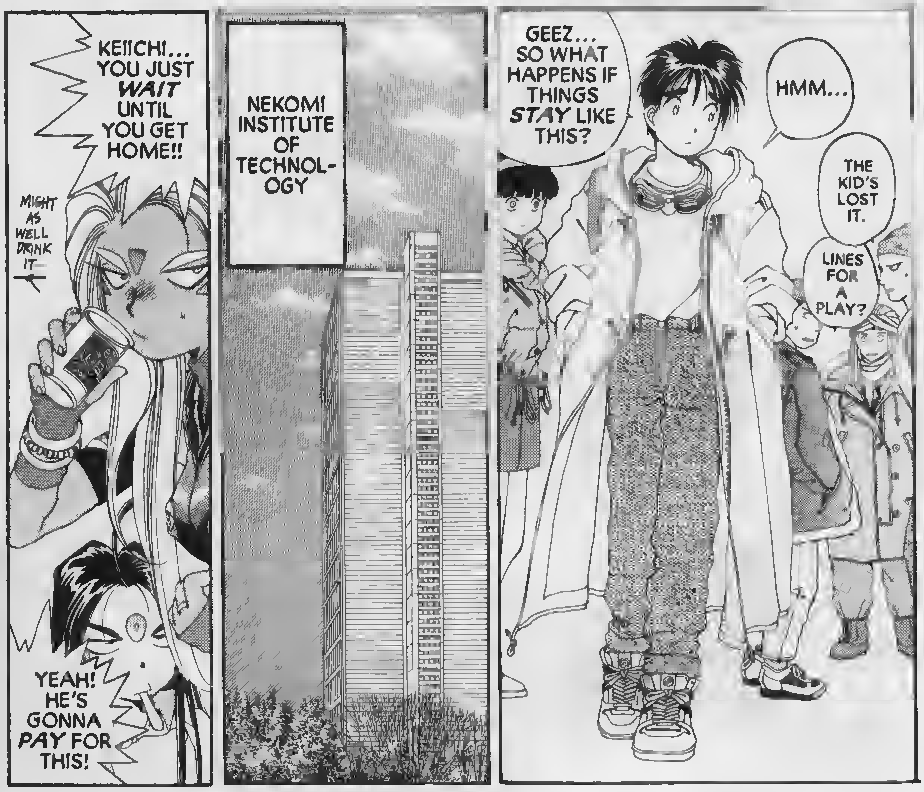

KEIICHI... THAT LITTLE WEASEL!
HE'S SKIPPED OUT ON US!


HE'S GOTTA BE KIDDING!
Urd
You'll have to drink this while I'm at school
-KI
I CAN'T RECHARGE ON THIS CHEAP, ROTGUT SAKE!


WHAT ABOUT ME?! LOOK AT THIS STUFF!!
NO FAT! NO SUGAR!!
WAAAH!! I NEED ULTRA-PURE, SINGLE-BARREL, SUPER-DELUXE SAKE!


KE!!CH!... YOU JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU GET HOME!!
MIGHT AS WELL DRINK IT—
YEAH! HE'S GONNA PAY FOR THIS!
NEKOMI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOL-OGY
GEEZ... SO WHAT HAPPENS IF THINGS STAY LIKE THIS?
HMM...
THE KID'S LOST IT.
LINES FOR A PLAY?

I
'AN'T
CHARGE
N THIS
HEAP,
OTGUT
AKE!
AAH!!
EED
-PURE,
GLE-
, SUPER-
UXE
KE!
...
THE
KID'S
LOST
IT.
LINES
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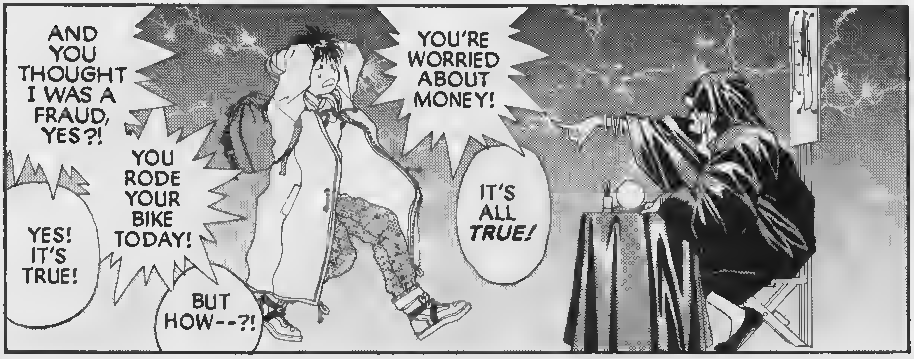
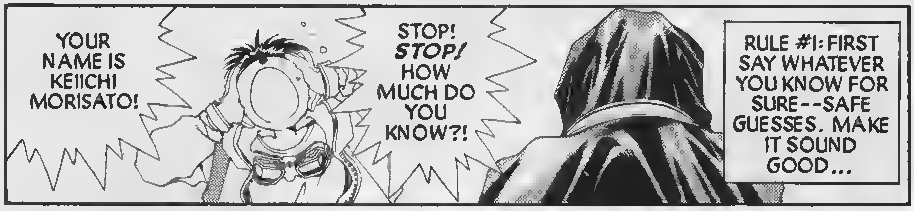
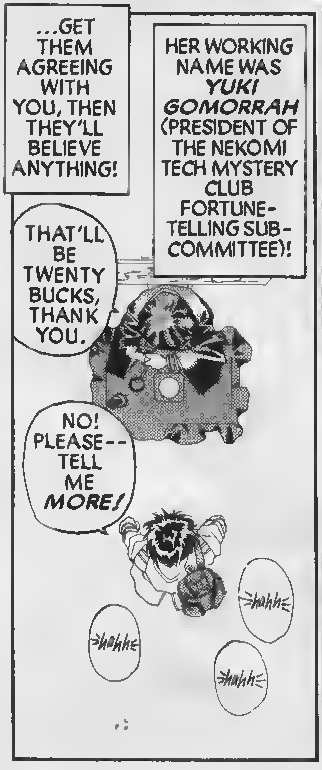
A
LAY?

ANYWAY, DON'T WORRY. IT'S JUST UNTIL THE SYSTEM COMES BACK ON LINE.
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAYS. BUT IF SHE KEEPS ON SUB-DIVIDING TO CONSERVE ENERGY...
...EVEN-TUALLY, IT'LL WEAR HER DOWN
AT THIS POINT I JUST CAN'T SAY.
YGGDRASIL'S NEVER CRASHED BEFORE.
EXCUSE ME!
M READE
HRENOLOGY
YES, YOU! YOUNG MAN!
ISN'T THERE ANY-THING I CAN DO?
YOUR SOUL IS TROUBLED- IS IT NOT?
AYE I CAN READ YOUR HEART! MY POWERS TELL ME--

IF I CAN FIND AN ENERGY SOURCE...
EASIER SAID THAN DONE
AW, HEY! COME BACK!
WHOOSH
YOU...
...YOU ARE SORELY TROUBLED!
THIS I SEE!
KINDA OUT OF BREATH, AREN'T YOU?
YOU OKAY?
ALM READER
PHRENOLOGY
I CAN READ IT IN YOUR FACE!
YOU HAVE... WOMAN TROUBLE!!
WHOA!!
SHE... SHE'S RIGHT!


AND YOU THOUGHT I WAS A FRAUD, YES?!
YOU RODE YOUR BIKE TODAY!
BUT HOW--?!
YES! IT'S TRUE!
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT MONEY!
IT'S ALL TRUE!


YOUR NAME IS KEIICHI MORISATO!
STOP! STOP! HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?!
RULE #1: FIRST SAY WHATEVER YOU KNOW FOR SURE--SAFE GUESSES. MAKE IT SOUND GOOD...

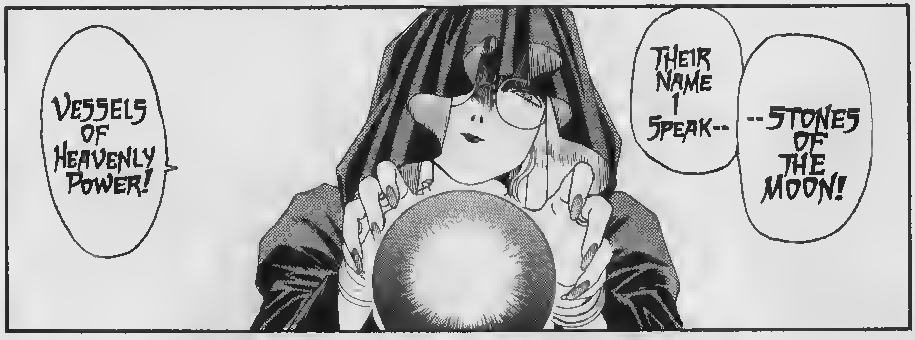

...GET THEM AGREEING WITH YOU, THEN THEY'LL BELIEVE ANYTHING!
HER WORKING NAME WAS YUKI GOMORRAH (PRESIDENT OF THE NEKOMI TECH MYSTERY CLUB FORTUNE-TELLING SUB-COMMITTEE)!
THAT'LL BE TWENTY BUCKS, THANK YOU.
NO! PLEASE--TELL ME MORE!
SHAAHE
SHAAHE
SHAAHE

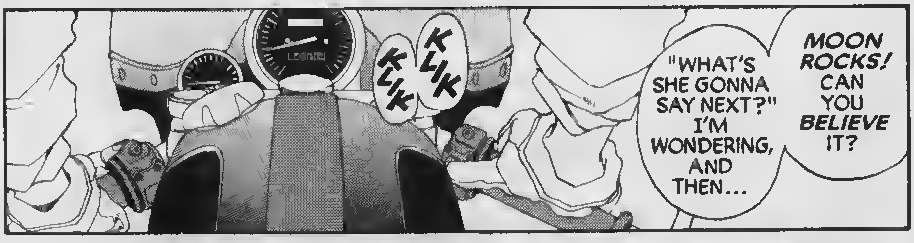
VERY WELL, THEN... WHAT DARK SECRET SHALL I PLUMB?
ACTUALLY...
UH-OH... I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING MORE ABOUT HIM.

...
...
WAIT A SEC... NO WAY CAN I TELL HER!

WELL...
FLASH!
UMM...

FZZAP
PALM READER
URK!
FZZT
AHHH ...?!
ER... ARE YOU OKAY, MA'AM?
THOU ...
THOU SEEKEST A SOURCE OF POWERS.
VERILY, IT RIDETH HIGH IN THE HEAVENS.
PSST! WHAT HAPPENED TO HER, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
SHSHH! JUST LISTEN!
SHADOW OF SUN, DRINKING DEEP OF ALL ITS FORCES...
FRAGMENTS... SCATTERED ACROSS THE LAND...


VESSELS OF HEAVENLY POWER!
THEIR NAME I SPEAK--
--STONES OF THE MOON!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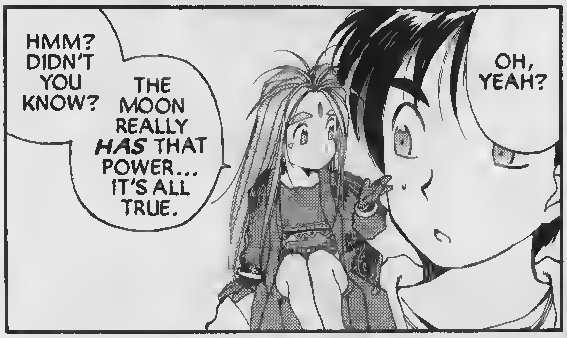
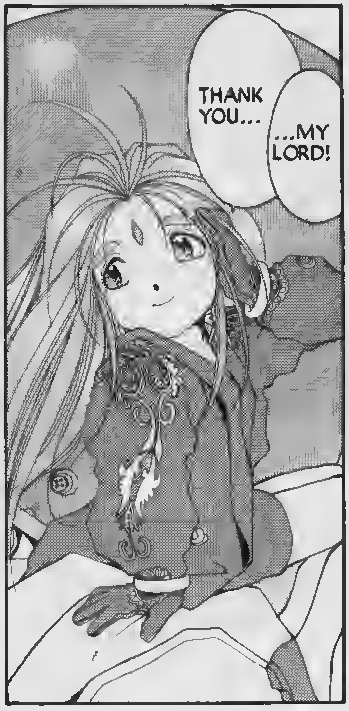
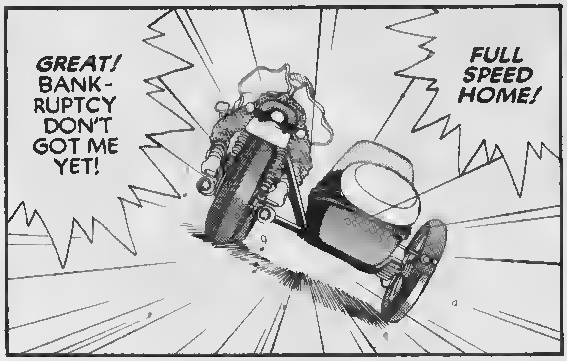
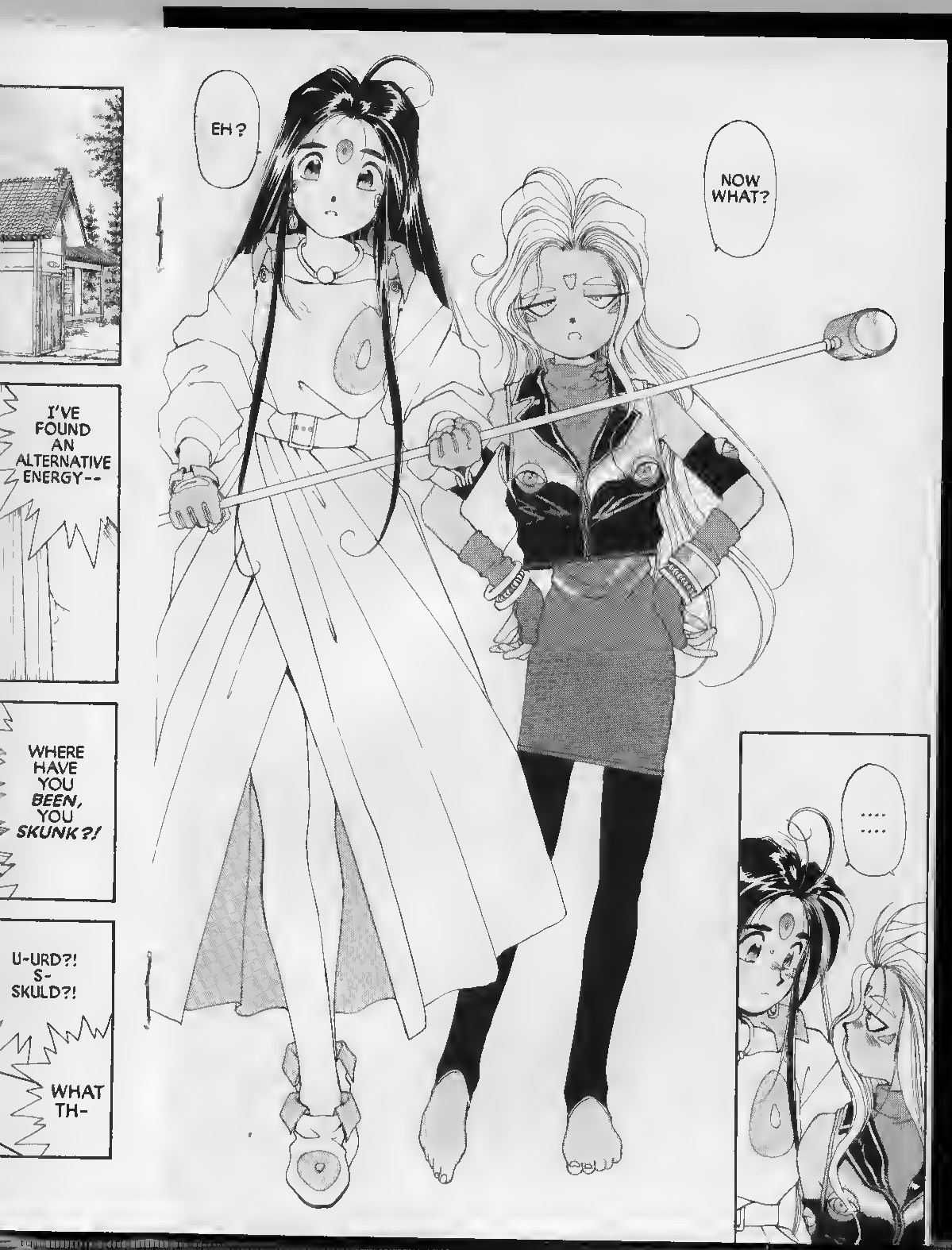
"WHAT'S SHE GONNA SAY NEXT?" I'M WONDERING, AND THEN...
MOON ROCKS! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

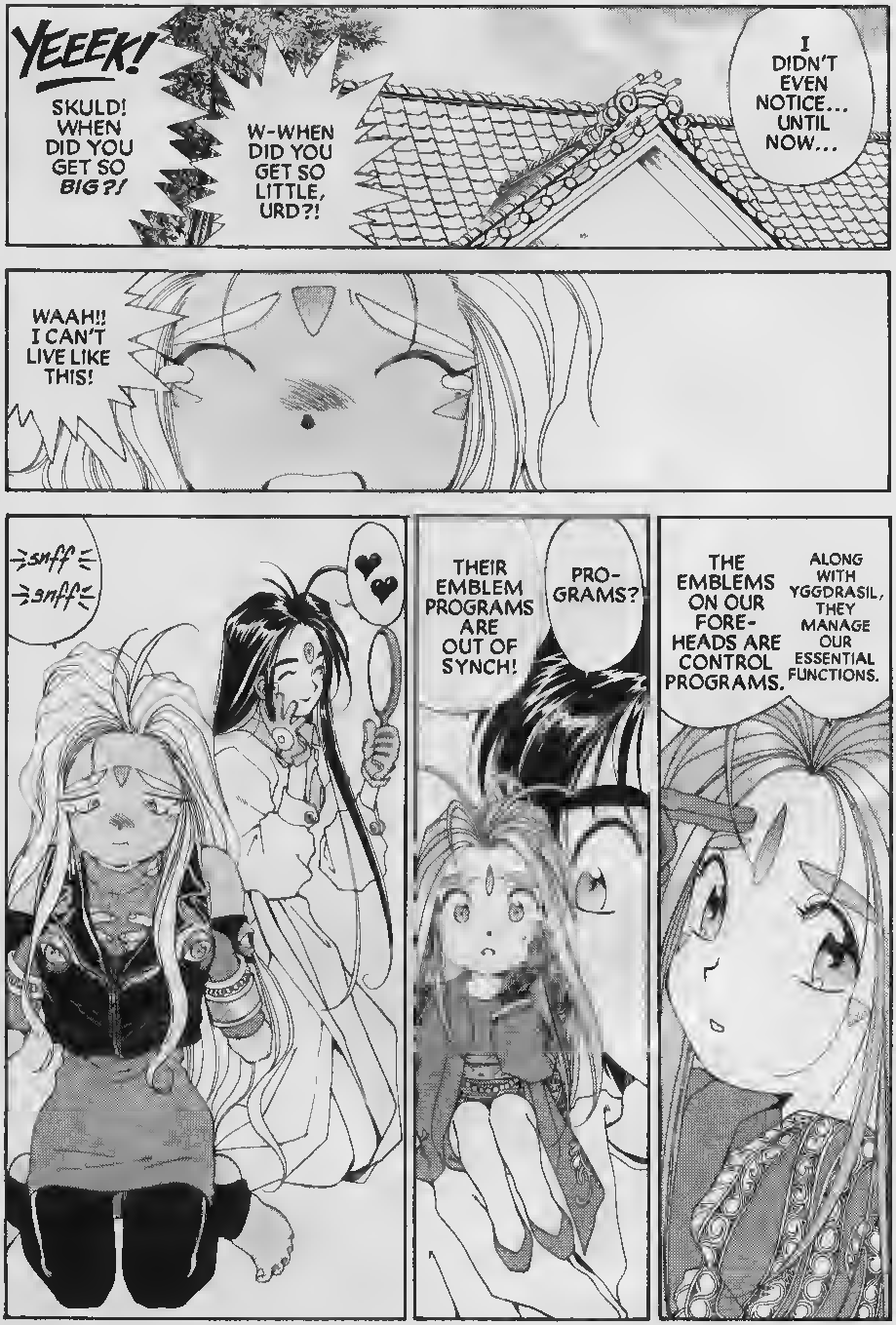

HMM? DIDN'T YOU KNOW?
THE MOON REALLY HAS THAT POWER... IT'S ALL TRUE.
OH, YEAH?


THANK YOU...
...MY LORD!


GREAT! BANK-RUPTCY DON'T GOT ME YET!
FULL SPEED HOME!

UH...?
HELLO...?
SIR...?
PALM READER
PHRENO
URD!
SKULD!
I'VE FOUND AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY--
KEIICHI!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, YOU SKUNK?!
GACK!
U-URD?! S-SKULD?!
WHAT TH-
EH?


EH?
NOW WHAT?
I'VE FOUND AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY--
WHERE HAVE YOU *BEEN*, YOU *SKUNK?!*
U-URD?! S-SKULD?!
WHAT TH-
....
....


YEEEK!
SKULD! WHEN DID YOU GET SO BIG?!
W-WHEN DID YOU GET SO LITTLE, URD?!
I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE... UNTIL NOW...
WAAH!! I CAN'T LIVE LIKE THIS!
snff
snff
THEIR EMBLEM PROGRAMS ARE OUT OF SYNCH!
PRO-GRAMS?
THE EMBLEMS ON OUR FORE-HEADS ARE CONTROL PROGRAMS.
ALONG WITH YGGDRASIL, THEY MANAGE OUR ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS.

URD BEARS THE EMBLEM OF THE PAST...

...I BEAR THE EMBLEM OF THE PRESENT...

...AND SKULD BEARS THE EMBLEM OF THE FUTURE.

THE FLUCTUATIONS IN OUR POWER BALANCE MUST HAVE TRIGGERED A RECURSIVE LOOP.

URD'S REGRESSING INTO THE PAST, WHILE SKULD'S RUSHING INTO THE FUTURE.

SLRP

YOU'RE LUCKY, BELLDANDY. *YOU'RE* IN THE PRESENT.

NOTHING EVER HAPPENS TO *YOU*

MAN... AT THIS RATE I'M GOING TO TURN INTO A LITTLE KID...
HEEHEE
HAHAHA
MMM... WHAT A SEXY BODY..
AIEE!! I'D RATHER BE DEAD!
OOH, I COULD LEARN TO LIVE WITH THIS!
AHH, TO THINK I WOULD GET TO BE LIKE MY BIG SISTERS SO SOON!
IT'S SO WONDERFUL!
OH, YEAH?
AT THIS SPEED YOU'LL SHOOT RIGHT PAST US AND TURN INTO A WRINKLED OLD LADY.
WHA-?! OH, NO!! I'D RATHER BE DEAD!!
HEH, HEH...
IF YOU HAVE A STABLE SOURCE OF ENERGY, NO PROBLEM, RIGHT?
THEN HELP IS NIGH!
I HAVE PROOF POSITIVE THAT MOON ROCKS CAN GIVE YOU ALL THE ENERGY YOU NEED!

AT THIS SPEED YOU'LL SHOOT RIGHT PAST US AND TURN INTO A WRINKLED OLD LADY.

I HAVE PROOF POSITIVE THAT MOON ROCKS CAN GIVE YOU ALL THE ENERGY YOU NEED!

EH?! *REALLY!*

ARE YOU *SURE,* KEIICHI?!

OH, KEIICHI! ♥ OUR HERO!! ♥

BY THE WAY... WHERE WILL YOU GET MOON ROCKS?

FLMP
THIS IS FUTILE.
I CAN CHECK OUT ALL THE BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY I WANT...
...BUT THERE'S NO WAY THEY'LL TELL ME HOW TO GET MOON ROCKS.
IF I WASN'T LIKE THIS, I COULD JUST MAKE SOME.
MAKE 'EM, HUH...
KEIICHI...?
I... I WON'T SAY I LIKE BEING LIKE THIS EVER AGAIN.
AT THIS RATE, I'LL...
...I'LL BE OLDER THAN MY SISTERS, EVEN!
I...

MAKE 'EM, HUH...

I...

...I DON'T WANT TO BE AN OLD MAID SO YOUNG!
PLEASE...
PLEASE HELP ME! SOME-HOW!

I'D DO IT EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T ASK ME.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE "OLD LADY SKULD" YET, EITHER!

THANK YOU, KEIICHI.
THE ROCK
sniff
sniff
STOP TREATIN' ME LIKE A BABY...

TECH
KEIICHI, DO THEY REALLY HAVE MOON ROCKS HERE?
NO WAY!
SO WHY--
SKULD...
...WOULD YOU PLEASE NOT HOLD ON TO MY ARM?
AH?!
UH, SORRY!
NYA! NYA! BIG SISTER'S ALL JEALOUS!
I AM NOT!!
I TOLD YOU SO.
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO BE IN THE WAY, SKULD. YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED HOME.

IF WE CAN'T GET REAL MOON ROCKS...

MATERIALS LAB

KCHIK

...WE'LL JUST HAVE TO *MAKE ONE!*

WOW! ISN'T THAT--?

YUP! A MULTI-TON HY-DRAULIC PRESS.

WE KNOW THE COM-POSITION OF MOON ROCKS--

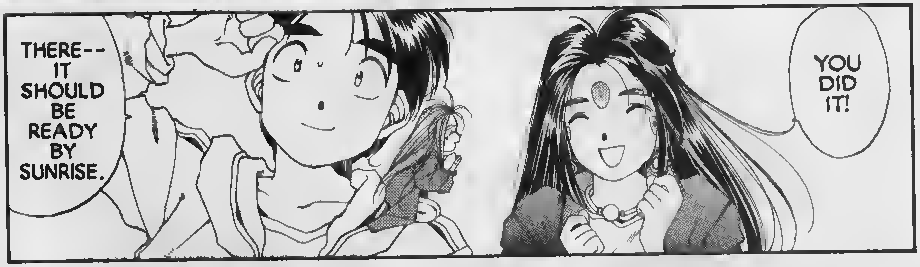
--WE JUST NEED TO PUT ONE TO-GETHER!

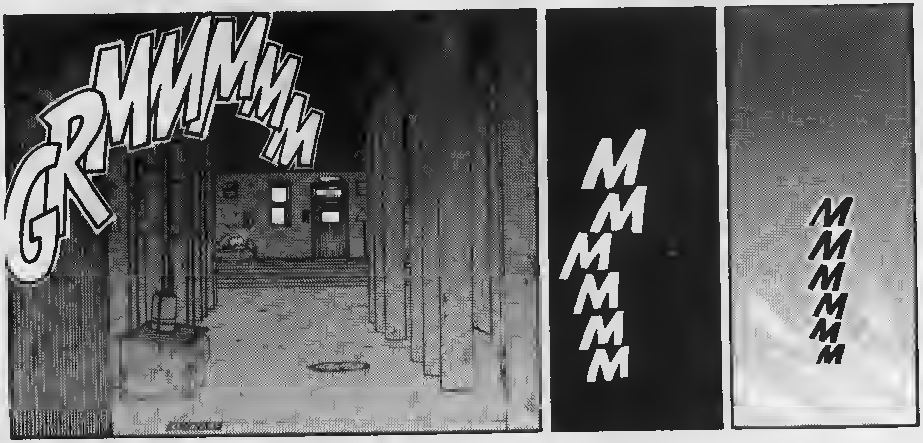
ALUMINUM...

CALCIUM...

TITANIUM...

MOUNT IT ON THE PRESS AND...
...SWITCH ON!
GRRRRRR


THERE-- IT SHOULD BE READY BY SUNRISE.
YOU DID IT!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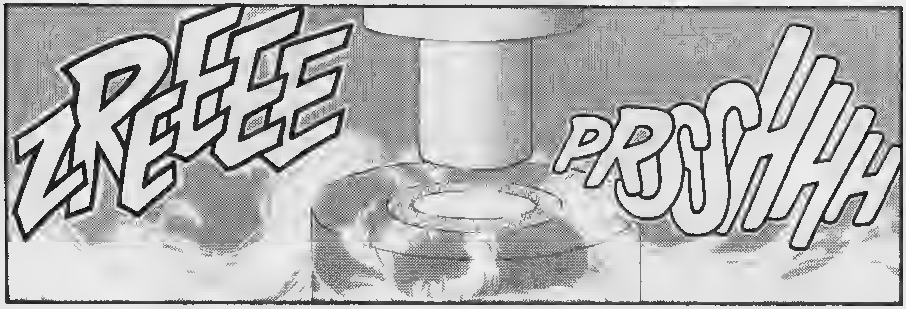
MMMMMM
MMMMMM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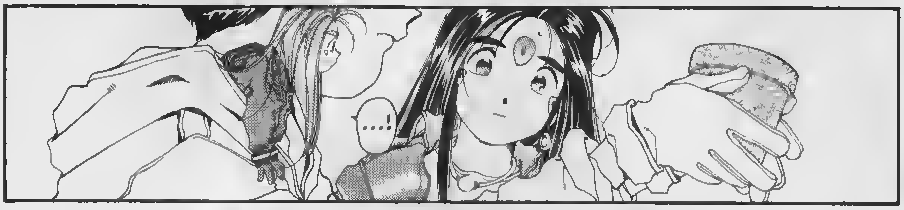
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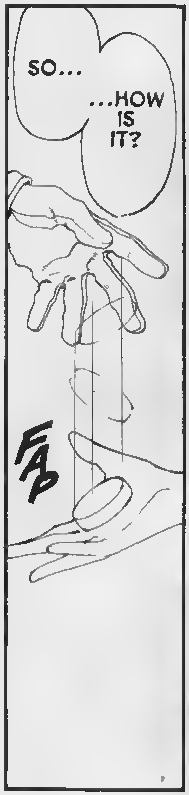
SO...
...HOW IS IT?
FAB

ENNNKK

MY WHOLE BODY IS VITALIZED!
I'M OVER-FLOWING WITH POWER!

SHSSS...
?
SKULD ...?
KEIICHI...
...YOUR CLOTHES ARE TOO DARNED BIG FOR ME!
YAHOO!!
YOUR TURN, BELL-DANDY-- BACK TO NORMAL!
BUT THERE WAS STILL ONE NOT-SO-LUCKY YOUNG LADY LEFT...
WELL...
...AT LEASHT TH' LITTLER I GET, THE LESS BOOZE IT TAKESH!
ACTUALLY, WITH ALL THAT ALCOHOL INSIDE HER, SHE HADN'T REGRESSED A MINUTE IN THE LAST TWELVE HOURS...

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Urd's Fantastic Adventure

WITH THE CRASH OF THE YGGDRASIL SYSTEM, THE GODDESS'S EMBLEM PROGRAMS ARE RUNNING OUT OF SYNCH. URD IS GETTING STEADILY YOUNGER, WHILE SKULD HAS GROWN UP INTO AN ADULT WOMAN AND IS AGING FAST.
IT SEEMED THE TWO GODDESSES FACED A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH.
USING THE "MOON ROCK" KEIICHI SUCCEEDED IN FABRICATING FOLLOWING A MESSAGE FROM THE LORD OF YGGDRASIL...
...SKULD WAS ABLE TO RETURN TO NORMAL.
BUT THEN...

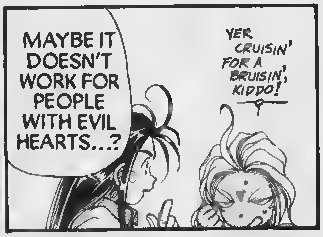
URD!
WE DID IT! WE MADE A MOON ROCK!
REALLY?
JUST IN TIME, TOO! I WAS AFRAID I'D TURN INTO A BABY!
OOH! WHAT A LITTLE CUTIE!
SKULD, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU WHEN I'M MYSELF AGAIN?
UH-OH.

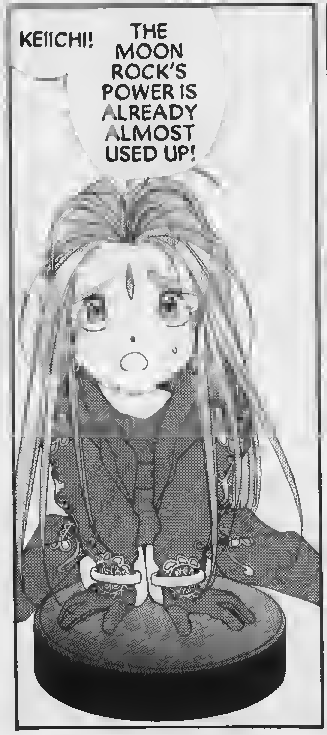
HERE YOU GO.
A MOON ROCK...
WITH THIS...
...I CAN RETURN TO NORMAL!
HUH ...?
AH!
WHA-?!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!
KSSH

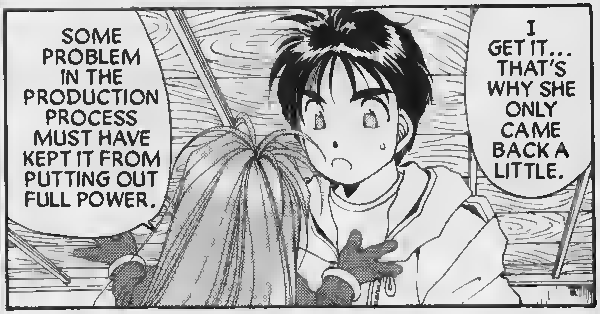
...I CAN RETURN TO NORMAL!
HUH ...?
AH!

I ONLY GOT A LITTLE TEENY BIT BIGGER!
UH... I... ER...!
IT SHOULD...
I DON'T...

GEEZ, IT WORKED ON SKULD! HONEST!

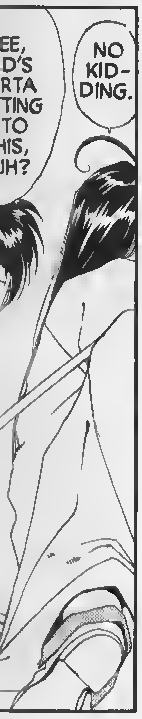

MAYBE IT DOESN'T WORK FOR PEOPLE WITH EVIL HEARTS...?
YER CRUISIN' FOR A BRUISIN', KIDDO!

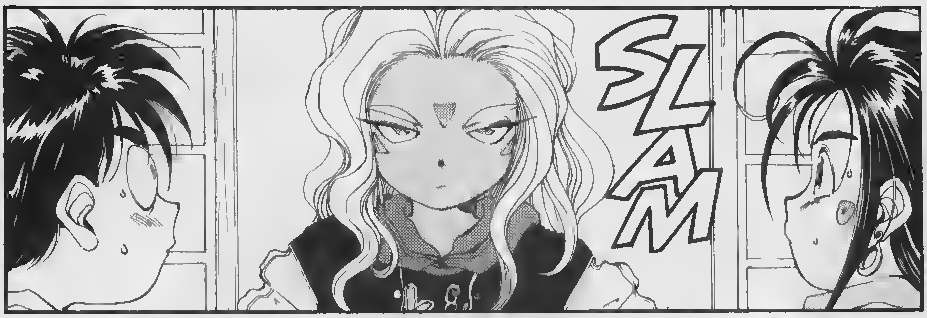

KEIICHI!
THE MOON ROCK'S POWER IS ALREADY ALMOST USED UP!


SOME PROBLEM IN THE PRODUCTION PROCESS MUST HAVE KEPT IT FROM PUTTING OUT FULL POWER.
I GET IT... THAT'S WHY SHE ONLY CAME BACK A LITTLE.

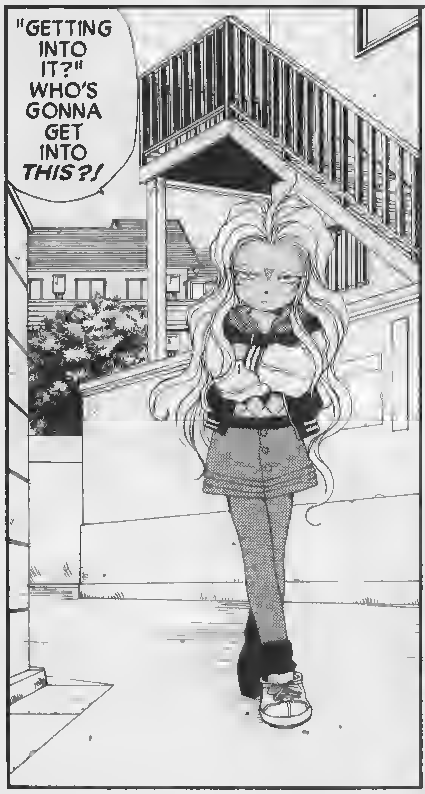
DON'T BE SO DOWN.
I'LL BUY YOU SOME NICE KIDDIE CLOTHES AT THE SALVATION ARMY.

YOU IDIOT!
WHAT THE HELL GOOD IS THAT GONNA DO ME?!
URD'S ROOM
I AM A LITTLE CUTIE!
HMM... NOT TOO BAD.
GEE, URD'S SORTA GETTING INTO THIS, HUH?
NO KIDDING.


NO KID-DING.


SLAM

I'M GOING OUT.
O-OKAY... HAVE A GOOD T-TIME...


"GETTING INTO IT?" WHO'S GONNA GET INTO THIS?!

I'VE GOTTA AT LEAST HAVE SOME FUN WITH THIS...
OR ELSE...

UHNN ...?

AH ...?
OH, NO!! MY POWER... IT'S...
EX- EXCUSE ME... ARE Y-YOU OKAY...?
...!
EH?
AH!!

PLEASE.... I NEED...

SA...

"SA"...?

SA... KE... BUY ME... *SAKE.*

EH?!

WHAT'S SHE NEED *SAKE* FOR?

DOING SOME SHOPPING FOR YOUR DAD? WHAT A BIG BOY YOU ARE!

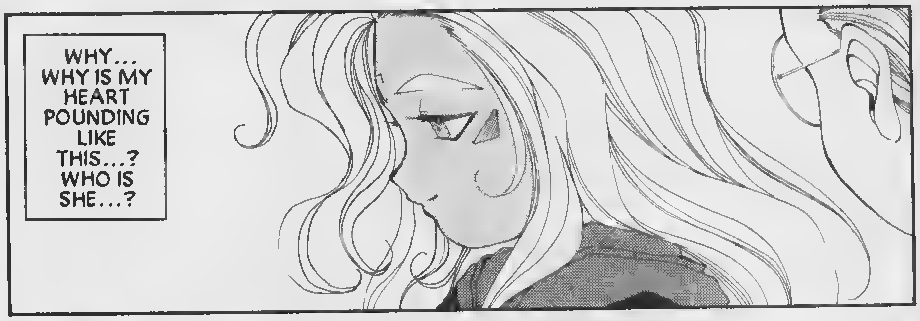
WHEWW... YOU REALLY SAVED MY BUTT.

THANKS, KID.

N-NO PROBLEM! NO SWEAT!

W- W-WOW! WHERE ON EARTH DID SHE COME FROM? ♥

I'M SORRY.
YOU MUST HAVE USED YOUR OWN... whatsit... MONEY?
AW, THAT'S OKAY!
I CAN BUY KINTARO TYCOON II LATER.
"KIN-"... HUH...?
LIKE THIS!
IT'S THIS TOTALLY COOL RAILROAD BUILDING GAME.
OH, YEAH?
SO... WHAT IS IT?
HUH?
DON'T THEY HAVE GAMES WHERE YOU COME FROM?
YOU SELECT MENUS WITH THE "A" BUTTON, SEE?
YOU BUILD TRACKS AN' BUY HOTELS AND STUFF ALL OVER, OR YOU SELL OFF THINGS YOU DON'T NEED.
HMM...
...?
BEEP
BRRING!


WHY... WHY IS MY HEART POUNDING LIKE THIS...? WHO IS SHE...?

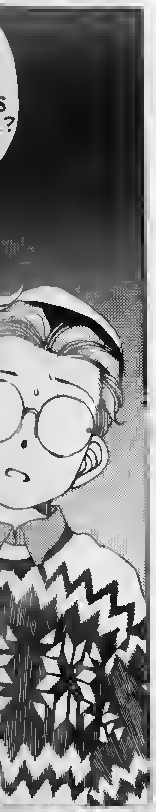
TAK TAK TAKKA TAK TAK TAK
WOW!

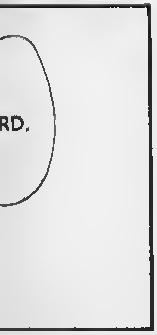
IT'S FINISHED. DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE?
WHA-?!
UH, SURE...

OKAY, MAYBE SHE WASN'T THE BEST... BUT URD WAS THE SYSTEM MANAGER FOR THE MOST COMPLEX COMPUTER IN THE UNIVERSE, AFTER ALL.
TAK TAK TAKKA TAK
FOR HER, PLAYING A COMPUTER GAME WAS LIKE CRACKING A SAFE FOR WHICH SHE ALREADY KNEW EVERY POSSIBLE COMBINATION.
....

TAK TAK TAKKA TAK
FINISHED.
EEP!

HMM. THAT WAS PRETTY FUN.
WELL, I GUESS I BETTER GET GOING.
UM.. M-MY NAME IS SHOHEI! SHOHEI YOSHIDA!
AND... uh... WHAT'S YOURS..?
URD.
W-WILL YOU...
...BE HERE AGAIN TOMOR-ROW?

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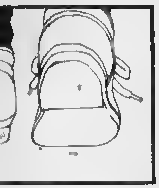
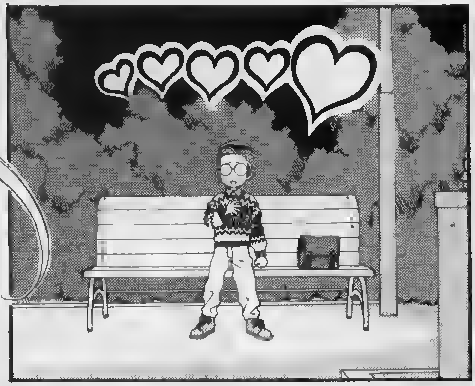
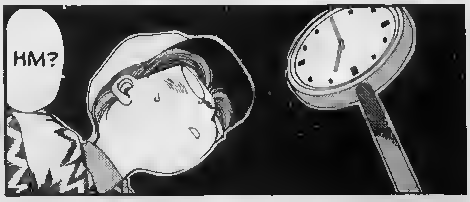


I WILL.
IF YOU ARE.




HM?

OH,NO! MOM'S GONNA KILL ME!!

I'M BACK!

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THE COMPO-SITION.
I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD USE THEM ANY-MORE UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.
WHO KNOWS WHAT SIDE EFFECTS THERE MIGHT BE?
WHY DON'T YOU MAKE TWO OF THEM THIS TIME? I MEAN, LIKE, IT WORKED ON *ME*.
FWAP!
"SIDE EFFECTS"...?! WHAT HAVE YOU *DONE* TO ME?!
WHOA!
OH, HI... I'M REALLY SORRY, BUT IT'S STILL NOT READY.
AW, THERE'S NO HURRY.

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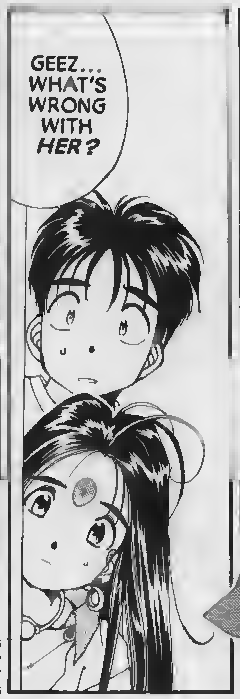
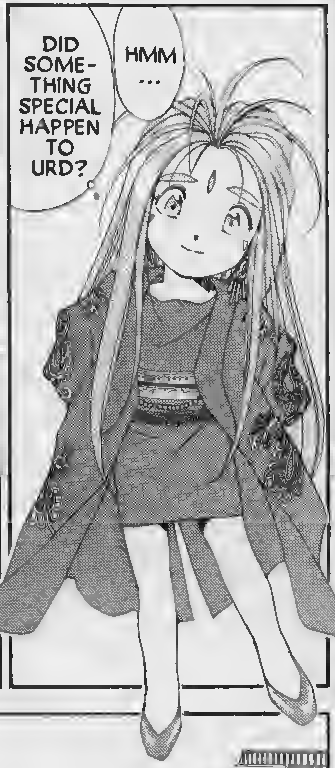
AW, THERE'S NO HURRY.

IT'S MORE INTERESTING BEING A KID THAN I THOUGHT...


GEEZ... WHAT'S WRONG WITH *HER?*


DID SOME-THING SPECIAL HAPPEN TO URD?
HMM ...

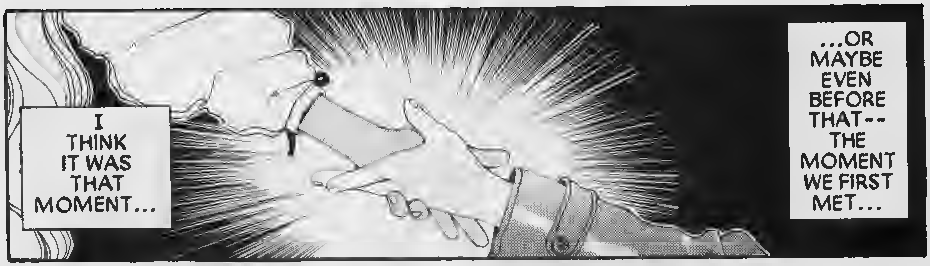
NEXT DAY

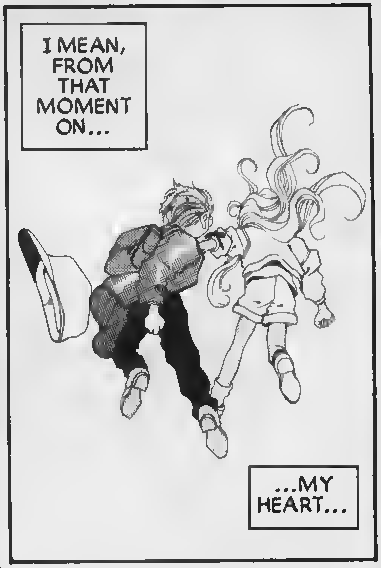
=hahhe
=hahhe

GEE, ISN'T SHE HERE?
DON'T TELL ME SHE DIDN'T COME TODAY?
hahh
hahh

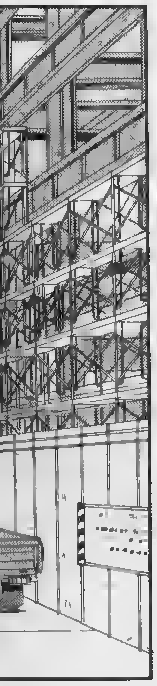
BOO! YOU'RE LATE!
AHAH! HA HA HA!
S-SORRY! YOU JUST--
OKAY... TODAY I BOUGHT KINTARO II...
TODAY LET'S DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT.
UH...

TODAY LET'S DO SOMETHING *DIFFERENT.*

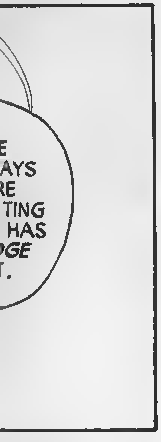


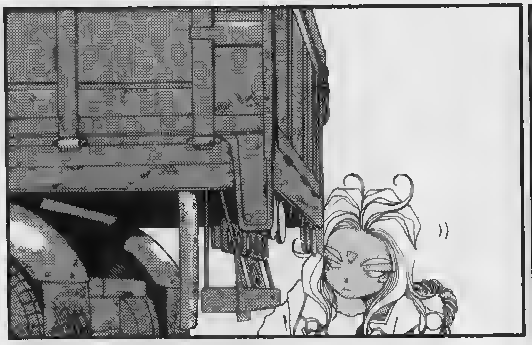


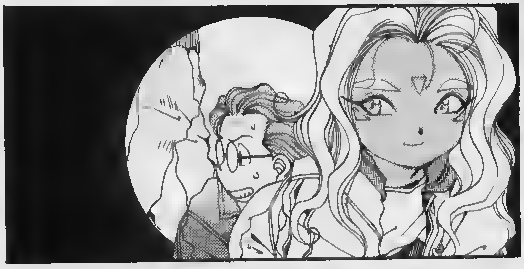
WE'RE GOING TO CLIMB... THAT!
...YOU MEAN... THAT?!
YEP!
UM... WHEN YOU SAY... "THAT"...
Y- YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
I MEAN... IT'S DANGEROUS. AND WE'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE IF THEY CATCH US. AND... AND...
HEH, HEH. DON'T WORRY SO MUCH.
LIFE IS ALWAYS MORE INTERESTING WHEN IT HAS AN EDGE TO IT.

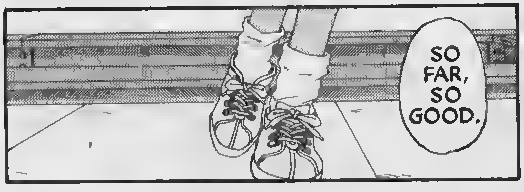


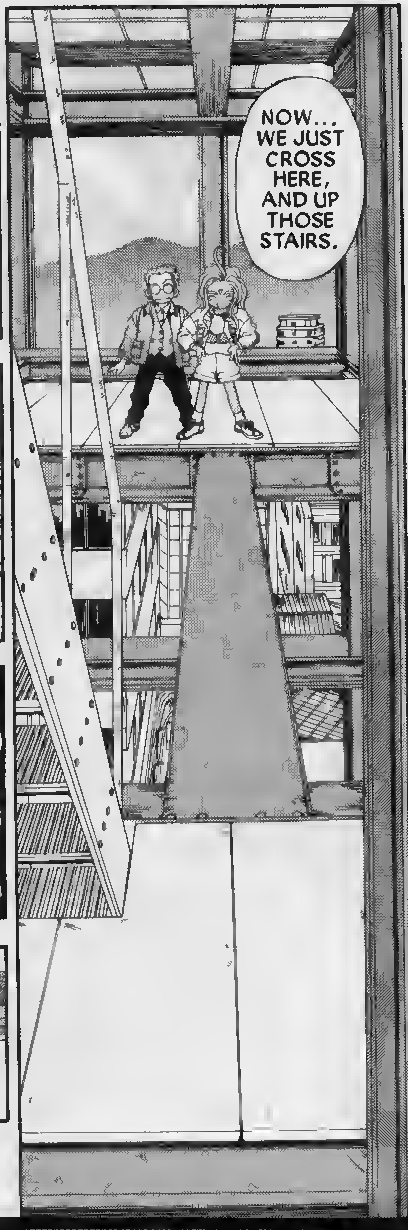
I MEAN... IT'S *DANGEROUS.* AND WE'LL BE IN *BIG* TROUBLE IF THEY CATCH US. AND... AND...











CROSS THAT?
ARE YOU KID-DING?
WHSSSH
EEP!
N-NO. I CAN'T.
IF I FALL, I'LL BE KILLED!
SHOHEI...
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN'T DO SOME-THING...
...YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT.
EVEN THE EASIEST THING!

EVEN THE *EASIEST* THING!

IF YOU'LL BE KILLED IF YOU FALL...

...THAT MEANS YOU *WON'T* BE KILLED IF YOU *DON'T* FALL.

...

...

DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES

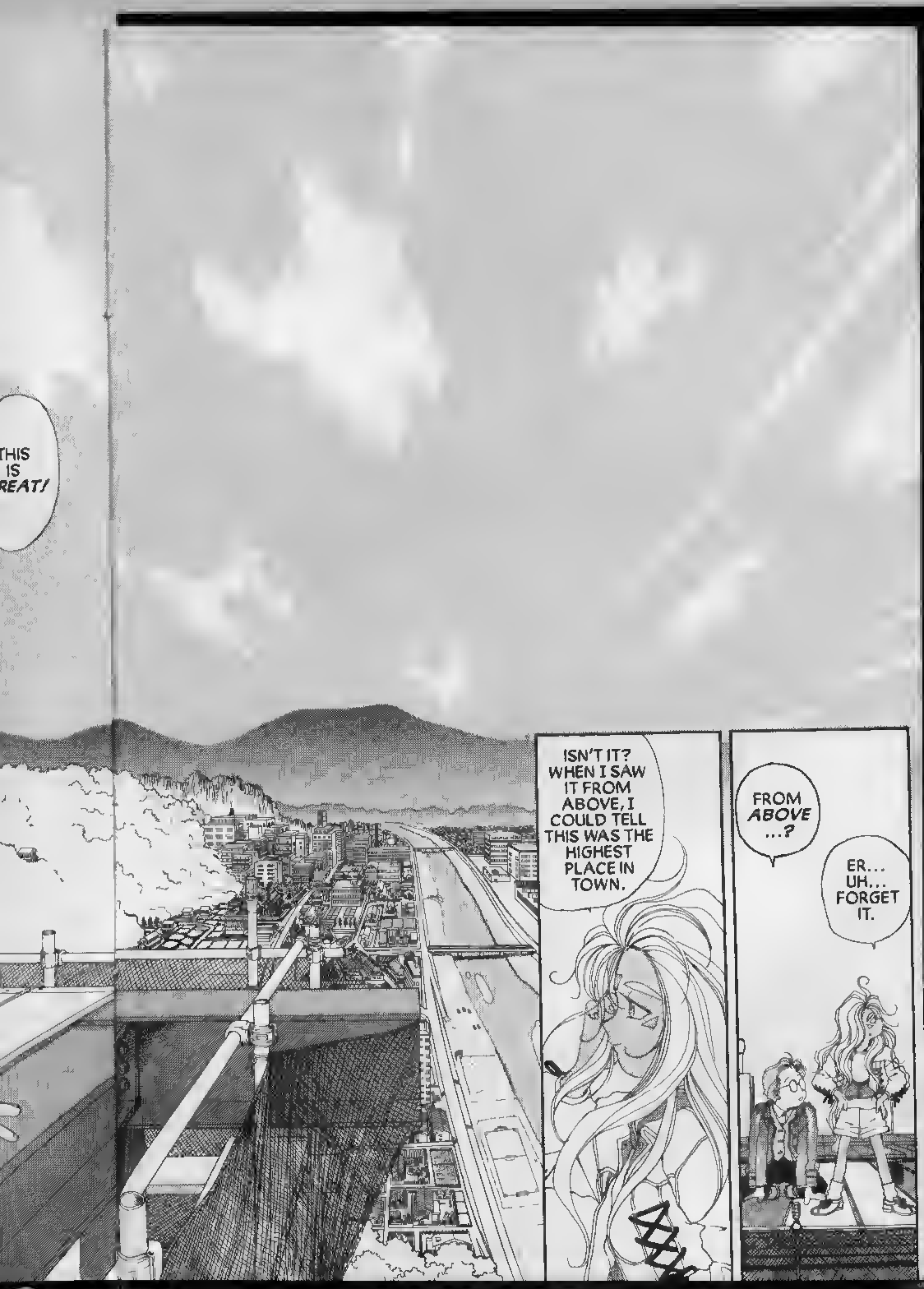
THERE'S NOTHING BUT A SINGLE PATH... ONE ROAD TO URD ON THE OTHER SIDE.

HAH! SEE. YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU TRY!

LOOK!

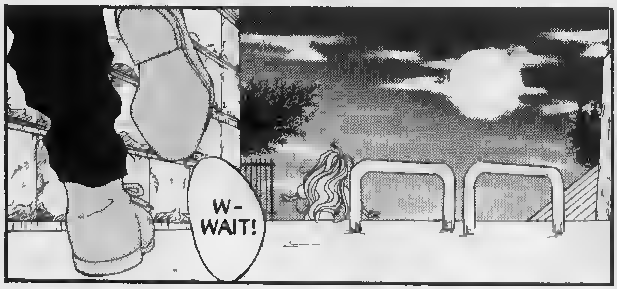
....

WOW!
THIS IS GREAT!


THIS IS REAT!
ISN'T IT? WHEN I SAW IT FROM ABOVE, I COULD TELL THIS WAS THE HIGHEST PLACE IN TOWN.
FROM ABOVE ...?
ER... UH... FORGET IT.

GEE...
WHERE DO YOU LIVE, URD?
...
I CAN'T TELL YOU.
IF I TOLD YOU...
...THE MAGIC SPELL WOULD END...
...AND WE COULDN'T *EVER* MEET AGAIN.
BYE-BYE!
WE FOUND IT AT LAST!
I FOUND IT FOR HIM!
SORRY 'BOUT TALKING ALL AT ONCE.

I CAN'T TELL YOU.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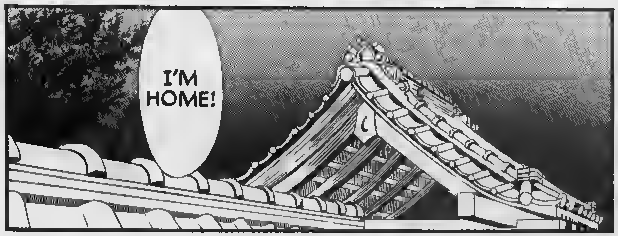
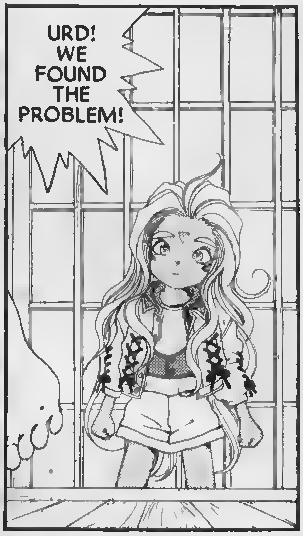
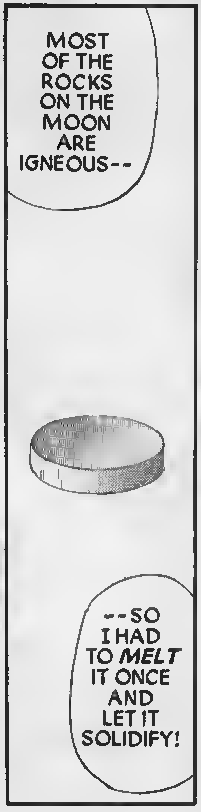
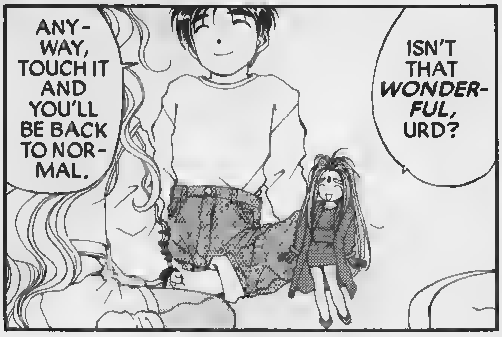
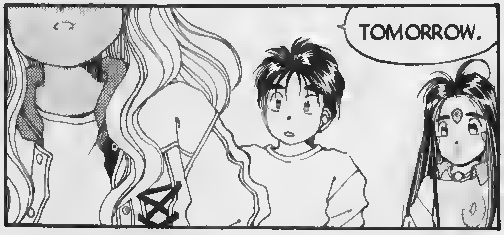

I'M HOME!

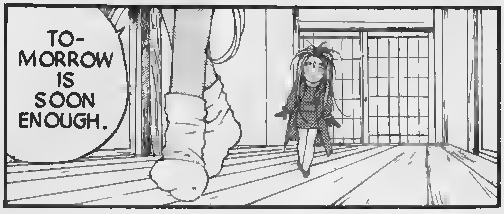

URD! WE FOUND THE PROBLEM!

WE FOUND IT AT LAST!
HE WAS MAKING IT WRONG!
WE'LL GET YOU BACK TO NORMAL...
IT'S READY TO GO!
I FOUND IT FOR HIM!
SORRY 'BOUT TALKING ALL AT ONCE.


MOST OF THE ROCKS ON THE MOON ARE IGNEOUS--
--SO I HAD TO *MELT* IT ONCE AND LET IT SOLIDIFY!


ANY-WAY, TOUCH IT AND YOU'LL BE BACK TO NOR-MAL.
ISN'T THAT *WONDER-FUL*, URD?


TOMORROW.


TO-MORROW IS SOON ENOUGH.

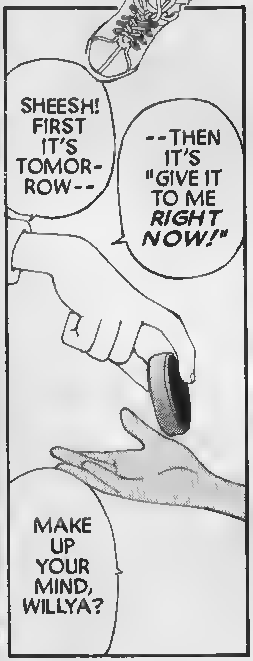
BYE-BYE!

I'VE GOT TO SEE HIM TOMORROW AND TELL HIM.
I'VE GOT TO... SOME-HOW...
...!
SHOHEI?!
YOU AND THAT BOY...
YOU HAVEN'T FALLEN IN LOVE...?
HE FOL-LOWED ME!
URD...

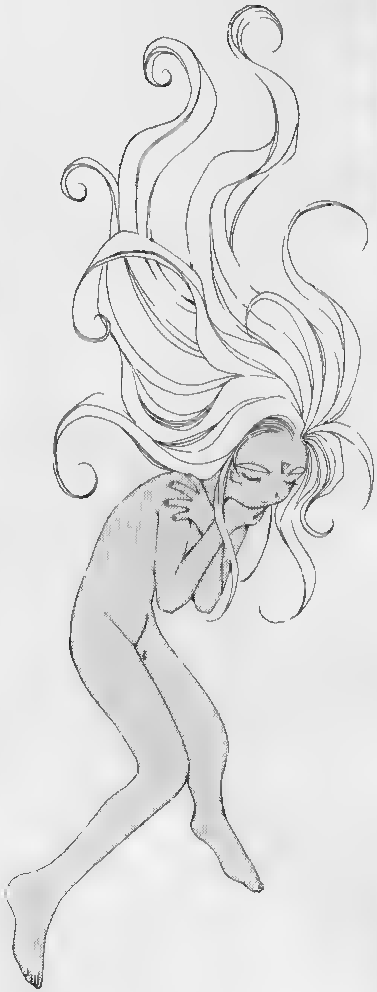
YOU HAVEN'T FALLEN IN LOVE...?

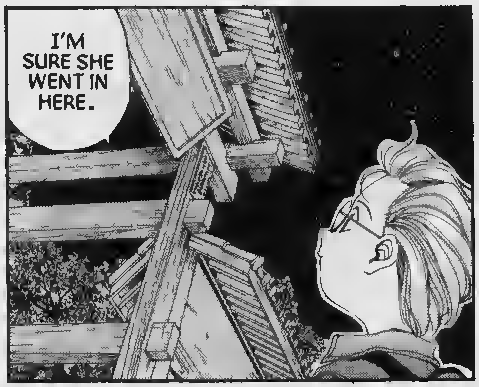
HA HA...
NO, I WAS J-JUST... JUST KILLING TIME, THAT'S ALL.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE TIDE IS EBBING...

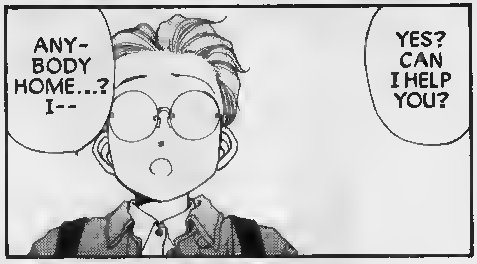
KEIICHI! GIMME THAT MOON ROCK!
OH, URD...


SHEESH! FIRST IT'S TOMOR-ROW--
--THEN IT'S "GIVE IT TO ME RIGHT NOW!"
MAKE UP YOUR MIND, WILLYA?

WHOA! WAHH! WAIT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I DON'T WANT TO RUIN THINGS. MY CLOTHES, I MEAN.




I'M SURE SHE WENT IN HERE.

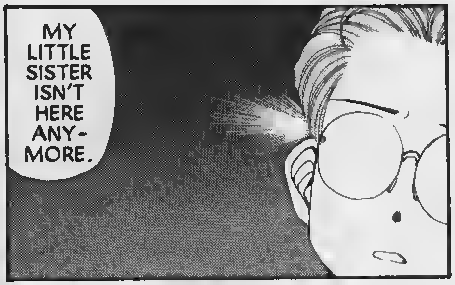

ANY-BODY HOME...? I--
YES? CAN I HELP YOU?

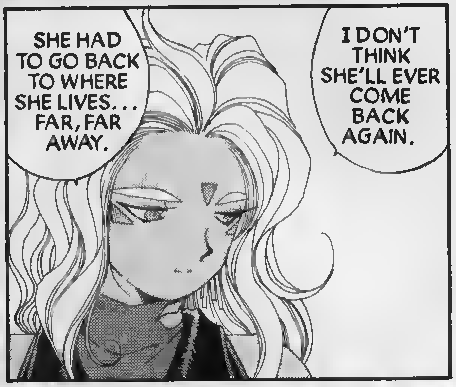
I, *um*... IS URD HOME...?
OH, DEAR...

YES? CAN I HELP YOU?

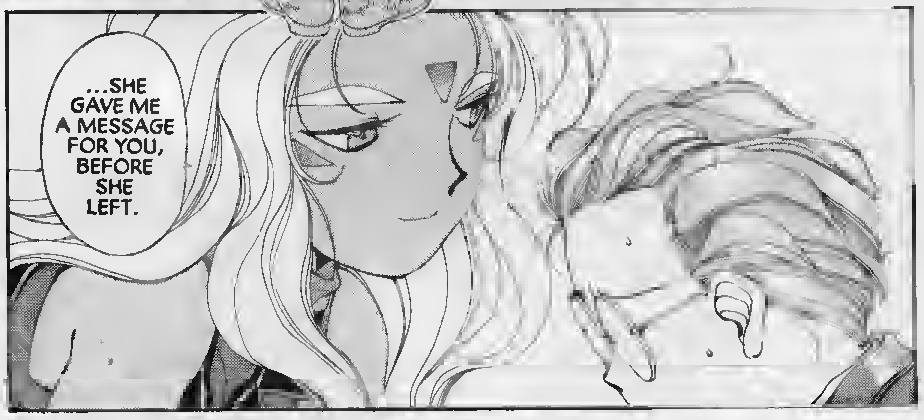
OH, DEAR...

...THAT'S SUCH A SHAME.


MY LITTLE SISTER ISN'T HERE ANY-MORE.


SHE HAD TO GO BACK TO WHERE SHE LIVES... FAR, FAR AWAY.
I DON'T THINK SHE'LL EVER COME BACK AGAIN.

BUT...


...SHE GAVE ME A MESSAGE FOR YOU, BEFORE SHE LEFT.

"I HAD FUN.
"THANK YOU, SHOHEI."
...AND *THIS.*
THAT'S WHEN I KNEW THE SPELL HAD BEEN BROKEN.
AND EVEN IF I WAITED BACK AT THE BENCH FOREVER...
...I'D NEVER MEET THAT GIRL AGAIN...